
the
GEORGIA P.E.O.
monthly newsletter

November 2025

PEERY'S POETIC POINTS OF INTEREST

Be a Star—and be thankful
For the love of sisters—grab a tank full
Chapter Fundraisers are in full swing
In time for all your Christmas-ing
Greenery, pecans, and Christmas décor
Shopping for her future, wine tasting and more
Are some the options available to you all,
Get together, get shopping and enjoy your Fall

CIC REPORTING

As required by International all chapters must receive a report of CIC within 8 weeks of the close of convention. Your GA State Board will be providing a PowerPoint presentation via zoom and presented by pairs of your state delegates.

Please make sure that at least one member of your chapter attends one of the available sessions and then reports information back to your chapter during a chapter meeting so that the receiving of the report is reflected in your chapter minutes. Attendance will be taken to ensure all chapters have taken the opportunity to attend a reporting session.



There is one more opportunity to attend. Sunday, Nov 2 at 2pm [Click here for Nov 2 @ 2:00](#)



FUNDRAISING ADVERTISING GUIDELINES

Theresa Hutch, BO, GSC VP

The guidelines to local chapters for fundraising can be found in the IOLC (Instructions to Officers of Local Chapters) on pages 17 to 20. To find the most up to date version of the IOLC, sign in to P.E.O. International and type "IOLC" in the search bar.

Per the IOLC: ***In any fundraising event sponsored by a chapter or by a member, it is imperative that the following statement be provided on all event advertisements or communications and distributed to all donors:***

"P.E.O. chapters support the educational and charitable funds of the P.E.O. Sisterhood but are not classified as charitable by the IRS. Therefore, donations to individual chapters do not meet the IRS requirements for a charitable income tax deduction. P.E.O. shall not be liable in any way for any goods and services supplied by third-party vendors or public establishments."

All flyers submitted to Peery for the GA website, or submitted to post on the GA Facebook page must have this statement included. We cannot have any direct contact information on the GA website in order to remain compliant with International guidelines. Therefore; when submitting the flyer for the GA website, please ensure that all phone numbers and emails are removed. You can include the statement: "Please refer to the monthly roster for contacting the president of Chapter XYZ"



Convention 2026

Get some P.E.O. swag before the 2026 Convention! Here's the link to the order form:

[2026 Convention Shirts Order Form](#)

FROM THE TREASURER'S LEDGER:

Amy Pinnell, U, GSC Treasurer

**To Vote or Not to Vote? That is the Question.
And the answer is... Vote! Always Vote!**

If it involves chapter money, then Vote! The treasurer should never pay a bill before the chapter has approved it. A chapter vote authorizes the treasurer to go ahead and write the check.

Pro Tip: If members have receipts or bills to submit, turn them in to the treasurer *before* the meeting — itemized, with the correct payable name included. This allows the treasurer to present all items at once, helping streamline meetings and ensuring she has all the necessary paperwork she needs to write checks afterward



CHAPTER SHOUT OUTS!

Laura Cox, GSC Organizer

As we are closing in on the end of the third quarter of our P.E.O. year I wanted to see how our chapters are doing in Georgia.

Initiations: We have had **84** new sisters initiated in Georgia so far this year!

Shout out to these chapter that have had 3 or more initiations this year:

J, Z, AJ, AM, AP, AT, BA, BE, BK, BN, BP, BV, BW and AF with 7!! Congratulations!!

Reinstatements: We have had **22** reinstatements this year. That means your chapters are reaching out to members who have gone inactive and brought them back to P.E.O.!!

Shout out to these chapters who have brought in 2 sisters to reinstate:

Z, AF, AS, BO! Awesome!!

As our Official Visits and Board Buddy Calls come to a close (and you breathe a sigh of relief), I will miss them because I learn so much from my chapter visits and always amazed at the new ideas I see. **Shout Out** to these chapters for their unique ideas:

Chapter AO: They have their new initiate serve on the Record committee. Their job is to find a little tidbit in the Record to share at the meeting. This helps them learn more about P.E.O. (as well as your members) and has them quickly involved in the chapter meeting! Great Idea!

Chapter BP: For their Ceremony of Initiation their officers line up single file in the order they stand around the table so when they marched in, they move directly to their place marked by the star. No jumping over each other to find their place. No 'oops I'm supposed to be there'. Each at their correct spot with dignity and pride! Fantastic!

Chapter B: For setting chapter initiatives: "Member Spotlight," "Secret Sisters," "Daisy Diners," and "Caring Sisters," led by some newer members for an opportunity for serving in a leadership role in the chapter! WooHoo!!!

This is why we visit to see the **GOOD** that your chapters are doing! If your chapter has a unique **GOOD** that we may have missed, please share with your Board Buddy so we can give you a Shout Out next month!



SCAVENGER HUNT

Peery Moran, AI, GSC President

To find out more about the ducky, upon this page you should be lucky!



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Julie Mayville, S

Membership Coach South Region

Across the country, November is a month filled with expressions of thankfulness. I am thankful for my sisters in P.E.O.. I am thankful because of the kindness they have shown me through some tough days. Most recently it was the loss of my mother. Receiving phone calls, emails, and cards in the mailbox was so meaningful. They know how difficult it is to lose your mother and expressed that to me. Because of them, I know that I am not alone in my grief. Meeting me for coffee or a meal helped keep my mind busy. It's the little things that mean the most, right?

Well, how does your chapter make sure your P.E.O. sisters know you are thinking about them. Here are some suggestions. Send out birthday and holiday cards to your homebound and inactive members. Set up a Sister to Sister group in your chapter. My chapter divided into groups of three with one being a non-participating sister. We send random greetings to one another throughout the year in addition to birthdays and holidays. We set up time to visit one another at home or a coffeeshop. Sometimes just making plans to get out of your house can be difficult, so do that for your sisters by planning social events. Some chapters have an outside activity using the letters S.O.S. – Sisters Out Shopping, Sisters Out Sipping or Sisters Out Seeking. You get the idea.

Offer carpooling so your non-drivers can join you. Try to plan events when most sisters can participate. For some, it's during daylight hours. Our older sisters don't like being out after dark; however, that shouldn't keep us from also planning night events. For our working sisters, the evening is often the best time for them to gather. These activities make for the perfect time to get to know your sisters better and to also bring along someone who may be considering membership. Bottom line is take care of one another. Being a part of a loving and caring organization is certainly one reason we joined this sisterhood. Let's be that for one another and see how we grow.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Cecile Morrison, AP, Chair & STAR; Shari Ulrich, BI, PCE & IPS; Nicole Rutkowski, BW, ELF & PSA

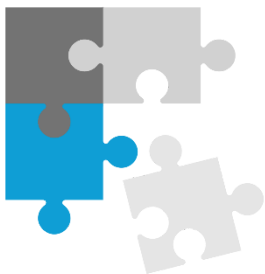
All **STAR** recommendation forms have been sent to International (October 15th). Chapters should be finalizing their **P.E.O. Scholar Award** applications for submission to International by November 20th. We applaud you for your dedication to and support of these projects. The committee would like to thank those of you who found more STAR and P.E.O. Scholars than your chapter could handle and referred these to the committee. We did our best to place all these excellent prospects to other chapters.

International will be accepting **International Peace Scholarship** applications until December 15th. Hopefully, the **Partners in Peace (PIP)** chapters have gotten to know their IPS recipients. Pro Tip: Consider asking these students if they know a fellow student in their school who might want to apply for an International Peace Scholarship. All information is on the P.E.O. International website.



MAKE THE CONNECTION

Rita Briggs, PSP, AF, Unaffiliate Coordinator



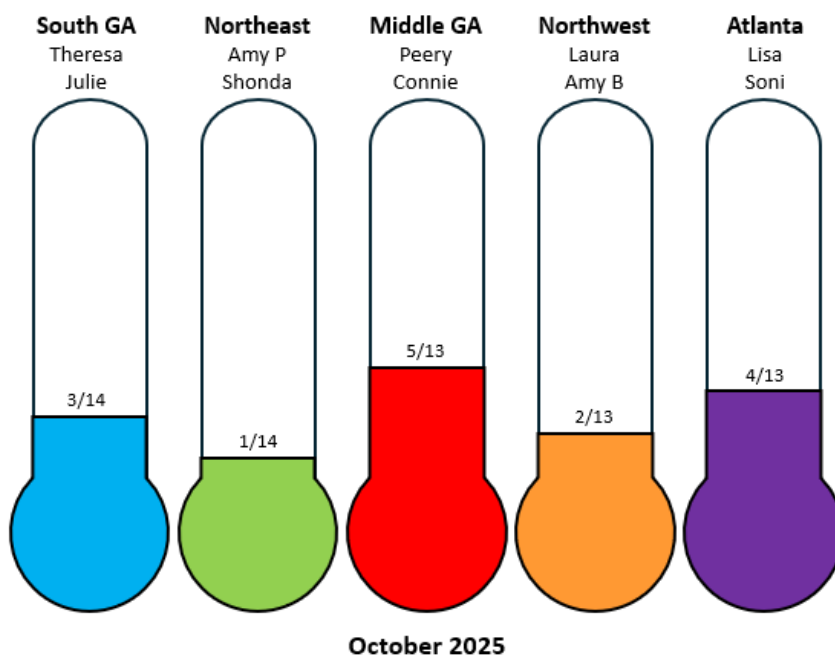
The data base that I, as your unaffiliate coordinator, use is changing to a completely new format over the next few months. This may make it difficult for me to provide you with a new list of unaffiliates in your chapter's vicinity. Your last list received at our state convention in May is still current unless I notified you to remove or add a name. Please try to touch base with these sisters.

In researching the latest statewide unaffiliate list for the 260 out-of-state active members (those who paid their dues to another state but live in Georgia), I discovered that 28 sisters had chosen to go inactive in 2025! They were on our chapter lists but the chapter had not reported back to me that they had made any contact.

It makes me sad to think our sisters are choosing to go inactive because they believe GA. P.E.O. doesn't care or that a local chapter hasn't reached out to them. I know we are better than this Georgia! Please, reach out to the sisters on your chapter's unaffiliate list and help them find a "home for the holidays".

We want to give a BIG Shout OUT to the chapters that we have been made aware of that have met or exceeded their +2 goal for the month of October!

Way to Go Chapters: B, M, N, Q, T, AF, AG, AS, AZ, BB, BG, BM, BS, BW, & BX!



COTTEY COLLEGE NUGGET

Lynn Reiter, AX, 1st Year Cottey Committee

Meet Cottey's New Basketball Coach

Calling all Georgia P.E.O. sisters to be on the lookout for basketball stars. Yes, we can help Cottey's new basketball coach, Tim Eatman recruits girls to join his Cottey team that competes in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes).



Coach Eatman came on staff the week before I met him at Vacation College. Spending time with coach was another highlight of my week. Our lives paralleled in so many ways which touched my heart along with his dedication, inspirations, and love of the sport for future Cottey basketball programs. His accomplishments and background achievements propelled him to this position at Cottey.

When my first meeting concluded with him, I was in tears, so touched by a man of such dignity and grace. Walking into my next class, the tears still flowing, I asked Dr. Mitts if she had a Kleenex. As she handed me the Kleenex I said, "That man is phenomenal." She responded, "I know. I hired him". It was then I discovered Dr. Mitts is Cottey's Athletic Director.

Coach Eatman is a talented, highly respected, and very skilled coach to prepare our Cottey team for a great season. Let's do our part and help him recruit Georgia girls for Cottey.



November, **Tearing of the Square**, was a "Holiday Tradition" performed until 8 years ago. This old tradition stated that, "During the days leading up to finals and winter break, students gather in their respective halls each evening to count down days until winter break."

Researching this older tradition led to many special contacts through P.E.O., Cottey Alums and staff. Annette Dunaway '81, who oversees the Cottey Traditions Museum, was excited to reach out to other graduates for memories of this tradition.

Renee Cortise, immediate Past State President of California, wrote how this tradition became "**Tearing of the Square**." "I think my freshman year, 1981-82, that we

burned the squares. After a dorm fire that year, candles were banned and it became tearing. Each day prior to winter break we met in the parlor and sang our songs then destroyed the construction paper number for that day." See picture of squares.



While reaching out to current day Cottey staff, it was explained that **Tearing of the Square** is still listed as a tradition and is discussed, but not currently one chosen by students to participate in. **Remember our Cottey "Peach"**

Julia Holmes (volleyball manager)

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November Corresponding Chapters: O, P-AU, Y, AH, AQ, AZ, BI, BQ

December Corresponding Chapters: Z, AI, AR, BA, BJ, BR, BV, BX

Winter, Christmas, End of Semester Southeastern Suite

In an effort to support our Southeastern Suite, Peery's region of Board Buddies are responsible for this time period.

Caring for our scholars with gifts of treats, notes, or any ideas Chapters may have to support our suite will be greatly appreciated.



A BONUS NUGGET THIS MONTH!

Julie Thomas GA State Cottey Chair

On October 14th, I had the pleasure to partake in watching a Cottey Volleyball game on campus. Cottey lost the first game but the Varsity Reserve won their game. It was faculty night at the game and I talked with Ms. Teresa and Ms. Helen. Ms. Teresa is the music teacher and has several music classes, teaches voice and has the choir. She is a P.E.O. and belongs to a local chapter with 45 members with only 14 attending regularly! There are two more chapters in Nevada with over 75 members in each chapter. Ms. Helen sat with me also. She admires the P.E.O.s. She loves seeing all the mail and gifts the women display in the suites. She is their housekeeper and the girls love her!



The highlight was visiting our Cottey peach, Julia Holmes. She is now the manager of the Comets Volleyball team and their number one fan. She gave me a tour of Hinkhouse and after visiting with her, I am confident that school is going well! Julia will be touring Munich and Prague with Cottey this spring. She also received a filled jack-o-lantern.

.....After the game, I delivered the NW Board Buddies Halloween treats

to the Southeastern Suite. Our women in the suite are from CA, OR, MO, OK and KS. The women range from Freshmen, Sophomores and one Junior. Seven out of the eight women are in sports and one is in drama.. Their majors are very diverse, ranging from Psychology to Criminology to Business Admin. They all agreed that suite life is one of their favorite things about Cottey and, of course, sports. If I heard one thank you, I heard thank you a hundred times! Well done Northwest Board Buddies. They were pleased and excited about the fall ducks along with the "You're Ducking Great" bands.

SISTER SPOTLIGHT

Chapter Anniversaries

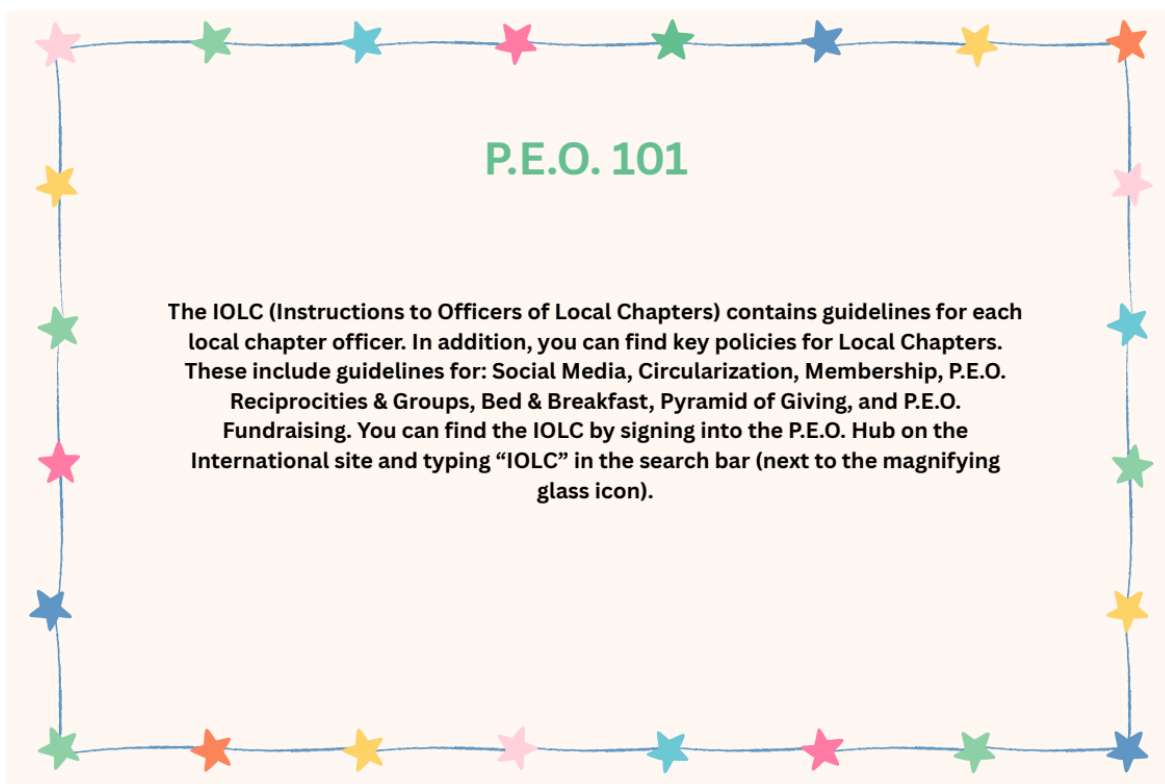
4 th Chapter BN-2007	17 th Chapter BJ-2001
6 th Chapter AM-1983	19 th Chapter BS-2017
10 th Chapter M-1959	20 th Chapter AC-1977
12 th Chapter W-1969	29 th Chapter R-1966

Founders' Milestones

21st Mary Alice Bird Babb death 1926



THIS MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS IN YOUR CHAPTER



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 1 - Nov 30	Georgia Scholarship applications due
Aug 20 - Nov 20	PSA application submission period
Sept 15 - Dec 15	IPS Eligibility Forms acceptance period
Sep/Oct/Nov	Official Visits to be scheduled by Visiting Officer

STATE BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

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