

October 2025

PEERY'S POETIC POINTS OF INTEREST

Be a Star—and heed the report of Convention
Amendments, workshops and activities to mention
Official Visits and Board Buddy Calls in full swing
Opportunities for the sisterhood "thing"
Love the moments of sisters sharing
Opportunities for expressing our caring
About all of our joys and sorrows
P.E.O.'s future is a brighter tomorrow



FROM THE TREASURER'S LEDGER:

Amy Pinnell, U, GSC Treasurer

What's in a Designation?

Legacy, Partners in Peace, Brighter Tomorrow, Laureate, Constellation, Luminar—these designations aren't just titles. They are shining symbols of chapters that chose to *be a star* by giving from the heart. Each is earned when a chapter makes a **\$500 contribution** to one of our International projects: ELF, IPS, PCE, PSA, STAR, or Cottey College.

How your chapter can earn a designation:

- Select the project—or projects—that inspire you most.
- Write **one \$500 chapter check per project** (if supporting multiple, you may combine the total into one check).
- Include your chapter contribution form and send it in.

The only challenge? Your contribution must reach me by **January 31, 2026.** (January 31 may sound far away, but with monthly meetings, you have only a few opportunities left to vote and send your contribution!)

When your chapter gives from the heart, you light the way for others and become part of a constellation of generosity. If your treasury already has funds, consider voting at your next meeting to secure your designation and "Be a Star" this year.



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 are multiple opportunities to attend on various days and at various times.

Saturday, Oct 4 at 9am Click here for Oct 4 @ 9:00

Sunday, Oct 5 at 2pm Click here for Oct 5 @ 2:00

Monday, Oct 13 at 6pm Click here for Oct 13 @ 6:00

Saturday, Oct 18 at 9am Click here for Oct 18 @ 9:00

Sunday, Oct 26 at 2pm Click here for Oct 26 @ 2:00

Sunday, Nov 2 at 2pm Click here for Nov 2 @ 2:00

MAKE THE CONNECTION Rita Briggs, PSP, AF, Unaffiliate Coordinator



When you call a sister who is on your unaffiliate list, you may not be able to connect right away. Sometimes the phone number or email address has been changed but not updated in our records on file with P.E.O. International. A sister in Georgia shared: After three years of serving on our chapter's membership committee and trying but unable to connect with those on the unaffiliate list, I was beginning to think this was a lost cause. Today I tried to reach those on my new list and had success four times. It was so exciting to talk

with a possible new chapter sister and invite her to a meeting.

Keep trying to connect. Success is just around the corner! Share Joy and Spread Love.

Send any updates to Rita Briggs (see roster for contact information).



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Michele Williams, BW, GA Membership Chair

October is "Let's Go Find the Others!" month for our P.E.O. Sisterhood. The Founding members were so filled with excitement about what they had created in P.E.O. that they wanted to reach out and find more women to join them. It is written that Franc Roads was the initiator of this movement and look where we are today. How could those seven young women have known their little group would have had such an enduring, philanthropic, and impactful mark on the world? Join the rest of the P.E.O. Sisterhood across the country in finding and sharing the gift of membership this month. Membership is the heart of P.E.O. and it is our joy to welcome women who embrace the values of our sisterhood and support our mission. Isn't it exciting to think what would happen if each of our more than 200,000 sisters introduced one friend or family member to P.E.O.? Think of the possibilities....!



SCAVENGER HUNT Peery Moran, AI, GSC President

For P.EO. items you wish to shop, upon which page should you hop?

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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

The STAR applications have been completed and sent to International. Good luck to all of the applicants and their sponsoring chapters! Keep in mind that those high school counselors you worked with this year may already have an idea of a potential applicant for you to interview next August!

The November 20th deadline for the Scholar Award is just around the corner! Stay in touch with your applicant. It may be advisable for a student to defer and apply next year after they have completed more research/papers/ presentations. If you have more applicants than you can easily work with, please send them to the IPC as soon as possible to get them out to another chapter.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

Chapter Anniversaries

21st Chapter BI-2000

22nd Chapter BP-2011

27th Chapter BM-2007

29th Chapter AY-1994

Founders' Milestones

9th Alice & Washington Babb anniv 1873

10th Hattie Briggs Bonsquet born 1849



COTTEY COLLEGE NUGGET

Lynn Reiter, AX , 1st Year Cottey Committee

It's TIME! Are you READY? Mark your calendars for... Cottey Vacation College May 18-23, 2026

August 10, 2025, arrived with 121 P.E.O.'s, BIL's, alumni and friends of the college over 21 descending on Cottey College for an exhilarating college experience without homework, tests, or final exams! Class choices included such topics as: Al In Everyday Living, Native American Flute Playing, Pickleball, Archery, Yoga and Van Gogh Pet Painting to name a few favorites.

Sharing life together in our suites was a riveting experience of reuniting with days gone by. Several attendees had been in attendance from 11-17 years with amazing friendships being developed over time. Louisiana had 14 attendees, Texas 16 to win the largest delegation from states attending.

As a freshman attendee, my vision is inspiring YOU to please consider joining me in beginning a new tradition for Georgia P.E.O.'s attending Vacation College at Cottey.

Oh yes! The food is beyond that of any college cafeteria. The Cottey staff goes all out every single day with Daisy Day, Duck Day and Cottey Day so be prepared to participate!



Vacation College Class of 2025

Cottey has a new sport under the direction of Dr. Sarah Trout

Establishing the new athletic sport of archery has seen her talents explode in coaching, recruiting and teaching classes as she loves all aspects of her college teaching career as an Adjunct Instructor. While sharing time with me she agreed to write a letter about the Cottey College Archery Program. (Please see below.)

AND yes, we do have archers in Georgia. Now that we P.E.O.'s are looking about our neighborhoods we see many archery ranges. Keep your eyes peeled for possible candidates. Almost 60% of Cottey students are athletes!

October is Vera, Cottey's Ghost Month. While attending Vacation College the opportunity arose to attend the Evening Lamp Light Ghost Tour on campus where we were introduced to Vera, Cottey's official ghost. In 1920, when Cottey had a high school for women, senior Vera Alice Neitzert died tragically on May 17 of severe burns when her nightgown caught fire. She was making candy in a suite in Main Hall. Fifty years later the legend began when piano students in Rosemary Hall heard strange noises. Her ghost has reappeared now again with moving chairs and strange happenings.



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Remember our Georgia "Peach" Julia Holmes.

Office of Student Life

Cottey College October Correspondence: F, N, W, AG, AP, AY, BH, BP

1000 Austin Blvd November Correspondence: P-AU Y, AH, AQ, AZ BI, BQ, BX

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From pool to precision - what was once the campus swimming pool is now the home of Cottey College

Archery! This transformation marks a new era for our student-athletes, turning waves into bullseyes and making every shot count.

Cottey College is excited to announce the launch of its newest athletic program, Cottey College Archery. Beginning in Fall 2025, this program will provide our students with the opportunity to compete in collegiate archery at both the regional and national levels through USA Archery and the Collegiate Archery Program.

The addition of archery aligns with Cottey's tradition of fostering excellence, leadership, and new opportunities for women. Archery is a sport that emphasizes focus, discipline, and perseverance, and we believe it is a perfect fit for our mission of developing confident, capable leaders.

Our program will begin with both recurve and compound divisions, giving student-athletes the chance to compete in multiple collegiate formats including indoor, and eventually outdoor, and 3D archery. Practices will be held on campus at our newly converted indoor range, located in the former swimming pool facility, which now serves as a dedicated space for training and competition.

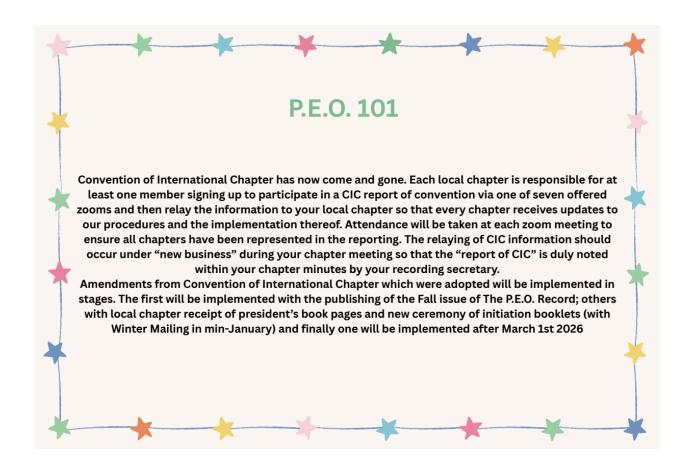
Led by Head Coach Dr. Sarah Trout, a USA Archery Level 3 certified coach, the program is already building connections with high school athletes, community programs, and national coaching networks to recruit and develop student-athletes who will proudly represent Cottey.

We are grateful for the continued encouragement and support from the P.E.O. Sisterhood as we expand opportunities for our students. This new program reflects Cottey's ongoing commitment to innovation, empowerment, and excellence in both academics and athletics.

Dr. SARAH TROUT

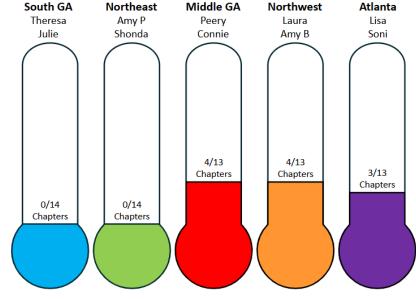
Community Liaison for Athletics & Archery Coach Adjunct Instructor





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 September!

Way to Go Chapter: M, Z, AF, AQ, AW, AY, AZ, BE, BG, BQ







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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 1 - Nov 30 Georgia Scholarship applications due

Aug 15 - Oct 15 STAR recommendation form submission period

Aug 20 - Nov 20 PSA application submission period

Sep 4-6 Convention of International Chapter Phoenix AZ

Sept 15 - Dec 15 IPS Eligibility Forms acceptance period

Sep/Oct/Nov Official Visits to be scheduled by Visiting Officer

STATE BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

President Peery Moran, Al
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