

the
GEORGIA P.E.O.
monthly newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Peery Moran, AI, GSC President

Happy NEW year, indeed! This year brings with it some exciting changes for the GA State Chapter. This next weekend your state board will be meeting with each other and with your state committee chairs to begin our work for the 2025-26 year. We are expanding the membership committee and shifting the focus to include more committee & local chapter interaction to promote growth in our chapters. This change will include a shuffling of board buddy assignments, so embrace your new buddy, if your assignments have changed. We have instituted an ad hoc convention committee to determine the feasibility of centralizing convention planning & execution of future conventions and the 2026 convention will be truncated to a single Saturday-night hotel stay.

So, buckle up, hang on, and enjoy the ride.

MEET YOUR NEW GA STATE SECRETARY!



Lisa Lane was born and raised in the small town of Bicknell, Indiana. She is a second-generation P.E.O. as her mother and sister were members of Chapter E Bicknell and her sister-in-law is a P.E.O. in Greensboro, NC. She received her bachelor's degree in management information systems from Indiana State University and began her career working for a major insurance company in Bloomington/Normal, Illinois where she was initiated into Chapter NQ. Nine years ago, a job transfer relocated the Lane family to Georgia where she transferred into Chapter AY-Lawrenceville just in time to volunteer for the 2020

GA State Convention Steering Committee. She has served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Guard and on a wide variety of committees in her local chapters and on the GA State Steering (2020), Scholarship and Cotter Committees. Lisa has attended many state conventions in Illinois and Georgia, and two International Conventions, once as a delegate. Lisa and her husband Marc have been married for more than 30 years and they have 3 adult children, Austin, Elizabeth, and Catherine. When not working, Lisa enjoys spending time with family, friends and their dog Basill. She also enjoys traveling, crocheting, attending Broadway shows at the Fox Theater, and checking out new breakfast restaurants in search of the best biscuits and gravy next to her Dad's.



THIS MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS IN YOUR CHAPTER



SCAVENGER HUNT

Look for clues when reading the News

To obtain some insight on the GA website

Note the symbol the size of a thimble

exercise your skills and keep your mind nimble

CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER (CIC) REGISTRATION OPENS Mid JUNE 2025



Any GA P.E.O. Sister who is planning to attend CIC in Sept 2025 (and who is NOT a chapter delegate, board member or entitled PSP), please alert Peery Moran, GSC President, so that you will be included in communication regarding the GA delegation activities at CIC!

CIC AMENDMENTS – DO NOT TELL YOUR DELEGATES HOW TO VOTE

When your chapters are discussing amendments to the GA State Bylaws OR to the P.E.O. Constitution/International Bylaws, you may

INFORM your delegates of your chapter opinion; HOWEVER, you MAY NOT INSTRUCT your delegates on how to vote. You have elected your delegate as your representative to vote at convention where she is privileged to hear discussion and different points of view which may and should influence her voting on proposed amendments.

PEERY'S POETIC POINTS OF INTEREST

Be a Star—Give from the Heart
My theme this year as we embark
upon our journey – get ready, set, go
build the future of GA P.E.O.!



GA STATE PRESIDENT'S GOALS FOR 2025-26



Chapter Membership Goals

Initiations: 130

Newly Inactive: Less than 99

Reinstatements: 18

New Chapters: 1

Chapter Vitality

Assignment of one membership committee member and one board member to each of 5 regions in the state to interact with local chapters to support chapter health, growth and success

Philanthropic Vitality

Chapter Challenge for ALL GA Chapters to become a "Designated Chapter" for at least one International Project or Cottey College

Champion Advancement of Women

Chapter Challenge for at least 25% of GA Chapters embrace P.E.O. International Day of Service (at some point during the year. Provide photos for posting on social media and GA website).

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Becky Schmitt, A, IPC & STAR Chair; Cecile Morrison, AP, PCE & IPS; and Shari Ulrich, BI, ELF & PSA

Thank you, Georgia chapters, for an outstanding job identifying strong women to be recipients of P.E.O. education awards. The following 52 chapters successfully sponsored or nominated 90 women for scholarships and/or loans during the 2024-2025 P.E.O. calendar year. The ELF and PCE awards have been made, and the below list reflects chapters that successfully nominated STAR and PSA candidates. The final list of STAR and PSA awardees will be announced in late summer after successful nominees accept their scholarship and enroll in school.

Chapters that successfully sponsored or nominated candidates during 2024/2025

A, Atlanta: ELF, PSA (3)	R, Atlanta: PSA	AM, Marietta: ELF, STAR	BH, St Simons Island: STAR
B, Atlanta: PSA (2)	U, Athens: PCE, PSA, STAR	AN, Atlanta: PCE, STAR	BI, Woodstock: ELF, PCE, PSA, STAR
C, Dunwoody: STAR	V, Atlanta: STAR	AP, Greensboro: PCE, STAR	BJ, Thomasville: STAR
E, Rome: STAR	W, Atlanta: PSA	AQ, Marietta: STAR	BK, Athens: STAR
F, Snellville: STAR	Z, Atlanta: PCE, STAR	AR, Conyers: PSA	BL, Gainesville: PSA (2), STAR
G, Atlanta: STAR	AB, Cumming: STAR	AS, Savannah: STAR	BM, Douglasville: ELF, STAR
H, Stockbridge: PCE, PSA, STAR	AC, Gainesville: STAR	AX, Canton: STAR	BN, Cumming: ELF
J, Rome: ELF	AF, Peachtree City: ELF, PCE, PSA	AY, Lawrenceville: STAR	BO, Braselton: STAR
K, Atlanta: PCE, STAR	AG, Roswell: STAR	AZ, Newnan: STAR	BP, Jasper: ELF
L, Savannah: ELF, PCE (7)	AH, Albany: STAR	BA, Peachtree City: STAR	BQ, Decatur: PCE
M, Roswell: PCE, PSA, STAR	AI, Columbus: STAR	BE, Kennesaw: ELF, PSA, STAR	BR, Dublin: STAR
N, Atlanta: PSA (2), STAR	AJ, Lilburn: PSA (2), STAR	BF, Blairsville: STAR	BT, Cumming: STAR
P-AU, Augusta: STAR	AK, Waycross: STAR	BG, Alpharetta: ELF, PCE	BV, Griffin: PCE, STAR



MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Soni Buckalew, AR, 3rd yr

P.E.O. in the good ole summertime provides many opportunities to support and increase membership. For your actives, plan summertime fun like pool parties and ice cream socials. Be sure to invite your inactive and non-participating members. Don't forget to scour the unaffiliate list for sisters who may welcome an invitation to your chapter.

The summertime socials are also the perfect time to invite potential members. Look for them in your neighborhood, place of worship, and the workplace. Project recipients and their mothers or daughters are also a great place to find new sisters.

LOCAL CHAPTER OFFICER RESOURCES – NEED TO KNOW!

1. YEARBOOK/BYLAWS RESOURCES

GA website > Documents/Links > Right column > 1. GA Bylaws Checklist 2. Yearbook Requirements

2. LOCAL CHAPTER MEETING DATES & TIMES CHANGES

If your chapter has altered meeting dates and/or times, please let the state vice president know so that your information can be **updated** on the **Georgia Website**.

3. UPDATED CONTRIBUTION FORMS may be found under documents & links on the GA website

REMINDER TO ALL LOCAL CHAPTERS — FUNDRAISING POLICIES – IOLC UPDATED 09/2024

When advertising your fundraisers you **MUST INCLUDE** the **REQUIRED NOTICE** found in the Instructions for Local Officers (**IOLC**) > policies > page 16 > [in bold font] **REQUIRED NOTICE**. This must be included on **ALL ADVERTISING** which includes flyers, FACEBOOK/Instagram postings, etc.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT in June

Chapter Anniversaries

6th Chapter BR–2015

Founders' Milestones

6th Franc & Simon Rhodes Anniv 1872

22nd Hattie Briggs Bonsquest death 1877



COTTEY COLLEGE NUGGET

Julie Thomas, BM, Chair



Thank you to all the sisters who participated in our ***Duck, Duck, Cottey game*** at GA State Convention. We had fun and hope you did too! Congratulations to Theresa's Board Buddies who found the most ducks! This month we would like to introduce our 2025-2026 State Cottey College Committee to you!

Our newly elected GA State Secretary, Lisa Lane, AY, is our committee adviser. Our first year member, Lynn Reiter, AX, joined Chapter AX-Watertown, SD in 1981. Her mother and sister are members of P.E.O. Lynn exemplifies the saying "You are a P.E.O. for life" having reinstated..

She has served in many capacities in her chapters which include BI\IA and DW\CA. Cottey's mission statement resonates with her. She said "given this opportunity to serve is my way of assisting young women to fulfil their educational dreams."

Second year, Liz Holder, J-Rome, GA in 2019. She has been around P.E.O. all her life as her mother, Martha, too, is in Chapter J. She has been active in her local chapter as corresponding secretary for three years and loves supporting women who are furthering their educational opportunities at Cottey.

Chair, Julie Thomas, BM, joined Chapter CJ-Sioux Falls in 2009. Her best friend, Cynthia, extended an invite to join a few of her sisters for pizza and the rest was history. She has held every chapter position except treasurer. She has always had a love of Cottey since she joined and visited the campus every time she went through Nevada, MO on her way to her son's home (at least twice a year since 2009). She has enjoyed touring the different places on campus and learning more about Cottey College.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS FOR CORRESPONDING WITH PEACHES ATTENDING COTTEY:

(Hopefully this is in time to put in your 25-26 yearbook for a reminder!)

AUG All chapters welcome "Peaches"

SEP E, G, M, V, AF, AO, AX, BG, BO

JAN A, H, R, AA, AJ, AS, BB, BK, BS

OCT F, N, W, AG, AP, AY, BH, BP, BT

FEB B, J, S, AB, AK, AT, BL, BW

NOV Q, P-AU, Y, AH, AQ, AZ, BI, BQ

MAR C, K, T, AC, AM, AV, BE, BM

DEC Z, AI, AR, BA, BJ, BR, BV, BX

APR D, L, U, AD, AN, AW, BF, BN, BU

MAY All chapters congratulate "Peaches"

OUR GA PEACH AT COTTEY:

Julia Holmes. Beginning in August, her mailing address will be:

Office of Student Life, Cottey College, 1000 Austin Blvd., Nevada, MO 64772



MAKE THE CONNECTION

Rita Briggs, PSP, AF, Unaffiliate Coordinator



Calling names on the unaffiliate list can be both rewarding and frustrating. Many times, you will need to leave a message and you may not get a return call. Don't let that discourage you. These unaffiliated sisters are in transition and may not have settled into a routine yet or for some reason she may not be getting the message. After multiple tries without a response, try writing a personal note. When you do make contact, if you find this sister isn't interested in attending any meetings, pass that information on to me so I can take the name off your list.

The real reward comes when you make contact with a sister who is eager to find a new chapter. When you have successfully entertained her in your chapter and she accepts your invitation to transfer, your chapter will be healthier and happier. The benefits are two-fold – you've gained a new member in your chapter and you've given a sister in transition a new P.E.O. home.

IMPORTANT DATES

June/July	Report of State Convention to Local Chapters
Jul 1	Electronic Yearbooks due to PEOGYearbooks@gmail.com
Sep 4-6	Convention of International Chapter Phoenix AZ
Sep/Oct/Nov	Official Visits to be scheduled by Visiting Officer

STATE BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

President	Peery Moran, AI
Vice President	Theresa Hutch, BO
Organizer	Laura Cox, BI
Treasurer	Amy Pinnell, U
Secretary	Lisa Lane, AY

