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

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

Peery Moran, AI, GSC President

Now that Summer is here, we've entered the second half of this year

It's a great time for socials and finding new members

and celebrate them as new initiates around September

Wishing you all safe travels wherever you may go

sharing the gift and mission of our beloved P.E.O.



CONVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER (CIC) REGISTRATION IS OPEN UNTIL JULY 31, 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.



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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL SERIES

Peery Moran, AI, President, GSC

The July 2025 Town Hall “GA Scholarship Convention Workshop” will be presented via Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, July 23rd at 7pm** at the link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86114076237?pwd=S5vYbxhmnSuBsDd8ekazbSyGyEDKrp.1>

This will be recorded and then posted on the GA Website for future reference.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Laura Cox, BI, GSC Organizer

Every three years your executive board has the opportunity to visit and learn more about your chapter. We call these our “Official Visits”. This is a chance for us to see your chapter, meet new sisters and help you with any concerns your chapter may be having. This year, we are trying to learn more about your chapter and officer roles *prior* to our visit to help make the actual visit a little more simplified and relaxing.

The Official visit will consist of three phases: **Feedback, Officer Meeting and Chapter Visit**. Your chapter president will be receiving a Feedback Form for each officer to complete and return to that visiting board member by **August 1st**. This will give her the ability to review your officer needs and chapter concerns before the officer meeting. The Officer Meeting may be in person the day of the visit (hour prior) or prior by zoom. The Chapter Visit is the last phase, where we have a chance to hear and see your chapter’s presentation of the Ceremony of Initiation along with your business meeting. Together this three-phase approach should give us a better understanding of your chapter and any needs or concerns you might have. It is our goal, as the executive board, to help make your chapter the best it can be.

We promise to leave our white gloves at home!



SCAVENGER HUNT

*When forms or info is what you need, upon which page should you heed?
Refer to the GA Website, to obtain a nugget of insight.*

PEERY’S POETIC POINTS OF INTEREST

Peery Moran, AI, GSC President

Be a Star—and take heed
I hope to learn so much, this year at LEAD
I cannot wait to return to GA to share
The new ideas and energy I obtained there



MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Laura Cox, BI, GSC Organizer

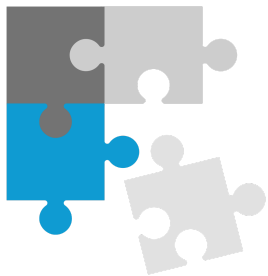
Membership is growing! Georgia was one of the few states nationwide to have an increase in P.E.O. membership for 24-25! It is evident that sisters in Georgia understand the positive outcome of being involved in the P.E.O. Sisterhood: friendship, support of women along with a sense of belonging. We, in Georgia, know this is important which is why at the past state convention we voted to increase our membership committee from three members to six so we can continue this growth and support of Georgia P.E.O and its chapters. Each membership committee member will be paired with an Executive board member to work in tandem in a geographic area of Georgia. The breakdown looks like this:

<u>Membership Coach</u>	<u>Executive Board Mem.</u>	<u>Area</u>
Connie Psathas, AZ	Pres. Peery Moran, AI	Middle Georgia
Julie Mayville, S	V.P. Theresa Hutch, BO	South Georgia
Amy Blanco, BS	Org. Laura Cox, BI	Northwest Georgia
Shonda Jenson, BM	Tres. Amy Pinnell, U	Northeast Georgia
Soni Buckalew, AR	Sec. Lisa Lane, AY	Atlanta

Michele Williams, BW will be the chair of the membership committee, overlooking all of membership while working in close contact with our unaffiliate coordinator: Rita Briggs, PSP, AF. We kicked off this new membership plan with a training retreat learning ways to support and help Georgia chapters. Chapters have unique membership needs specific to them and it is our goal to share a list of 'tools' to make each chapter in Georgia the best it can be! Your membership coach has sent a **Membership Survey** to your Membership chair please be sure to return that survey to your Membership coach by **August 1st**.

MAKE THE CONNECTION

Rita Briggs, PSP, AF, Unaffiliate Coordinator



A chapter membership chair surprised me with a phone call a couple of months ago. She wanted to say thank you. I thought why do you want to thank this unaffiliate coordinator for sending you names to call ... work to do?

As it turns out, Sharon said she had tried to call everyone on her list rather than email them. She researched further the ones on the list with no phone number and was successful with a couple of them. Her greatest joy was when she connected with an inactive unaffiliate who expressed her appreciation for the call and told Sharon that the phone call had been the highlight of her day. Her gratitude at receiving a call from a P.E.O. propelled Sharon to feel joy from making that effort to connect. And that resulted in the smile on my face today.



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INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Cecile Morrison, AP, IPC Chair

STAR

Start thinking about a woman you'd like to recommend in your community who exhibits STAR qualities! The recommendation form is on the P.E.O. International website and is available between AUG 15th-OCT 15th. Your IPC STAR contact this year is Cecile Morrison, AP.

Her contact information can be found in the roster.

P.E.O. Scholar Awards

Nomination forms for PSA are on the P.E.O. International website and are available from AUG 20th-NOV 20th. The IPC receives referrals from International. If your chapter would like to sponsor an applicant, please email this year's PSA contact Nicole Rutkowski, BW.

Her contact information can be found in the roster.

Remember the International Projects Committee is here to help!

COTTEY COLLEGE NUGGET

Julie Thomas, BM, Chair

Cottey Chairs and sisters, it is time to start thinking about getting in touch with High School Counselors, Coaches, and Athletic Directors. Most counselors report back to school in July so please get information out to them about Cottey. That information was shared with your delegates at the State Convention. Did you get the white duck envelope from your delegate? You have counselors, coaches and athletic directors letters that you can use (you just have to copy, sign and deliver them).

Our Cottey traditions are "Baby Blue" and "FCC". Baby blue sweatshirts are worn by members of the first-year or freshman class. FCC is the logo that represents the first year or freshman class and is imprinted on sweatshirts and other items.



Please don't forget our Cottey Peach, Julia Holmes! All chapters are asked to correspond with her in August. Classes begin on August 26th.

There truly is a ripple effect that occurs when P.E.O.'s connect!



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SISTER SPOTLIGHT in July

Founders' Milestones



4th Mary Allen & Charles Stafford anniv 1871

10th Mary Allen Stafford death 1927

28th Alice Coffin death 1888

IMPORTANT DATES

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

