

PEERY'S POETIC POINTS OF INTEREST

Be a Star—and the risk of my singing:

'By the time we get to Phoenix, it'll be evening'

Your delegates numbering more than twenty

Will be interacting with sisters a-plenty

Listening and learning the latest P.E.O. news

And preparing to return and report it all to you

Prepare for Official Visits and Board Buddy Calls

These are always completed in the Fall

RECIPIENT RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

Having consulted with International Chapter about strategies for recruitment of project and GA scholarship recipients, it is recommended that chapters utilize their personal relationships with educational institutions to determine available options for finding qualified applicants. They will know their limitations in assisting us with our goal of finding applicants. Consider reaching out to social workers for PCE candidates. Utilize social media with your candidates sharing their excitement for receiving funding. A recent Tik Tok video from an ELF recipient



increased the traffic on the international website for ELF. Be sure to consult the IOLC (Instructions of Officers of Local Chapters) regarding use of Social Media and Media Kit information before posting. Consider placing flyers in public spaces (libraries, coffee shops, etc.) near schools as another avenue for finding candidates. Be creative but consult your institution's contacts to be cognizant of and compliant with the restrictions to which they must abide.



CIC REPORTING

By the time you are reading this message, your GA State Delegates will be finishing packing for travelling to Phoenix, Arizona for the 77th Convention of International Chapter!

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 seven (appropriately) opportunities to attend on various days and at various times.

Monday, Sept 29 at 6pm Click here for Sept 29 @ 6:00

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



SCAVENGER HUNT Peery Moran, AI, GSC President

For help to find sisters and add to your books, on which page of the website should you look?



2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Laura Cox, BI, Organizer

Georgia chapters are very good at accepting a challenge! This year's challenge:

Increase your chapter's average attendance by two (2) members during Sep 2025 through Mar 2026 First: Treasurers will need to determine your chapter's average attendance from Sept 2024 -- March 2025 and provide that average number to your local chapter Membership Chair who will share with the regional Membership Coach.

Second: Each month, starting in Sep (through Mar) local chapter Membership chairs will report the chapter's attendance to their regional Membership Coach. Watch our chapter attendance grow on the chart found in the newsletter and on the GA website!

Incentive: The region with the best average of improved attendance will be recognized at convention. Each chapter that meets the two-member increase for 6 out of 7 months will also be recognized with a certificate at convention. For example, if your chapter averaged 15 members in attendance Sep 2024 to Mar 2025, then the goal for the same timeframe this year is an average of 17 per meeting. We would love to see the increase (to at least 17) at every meeting but will also celebrate the increased average at the end of the seven-month period.

Rationale: This challenge will:

- Encourage your chapter to reach out and find new ways to bring non-participating members to a chapter meeting
- Encourage your chapter to contact unaffiliates in your area
- Involve more members in your chapters to prevent them from becoming inactive
- Help your chapter to re-think new possible times and/or places to have a meeting
- Attract new initiates

Increasing your chapters' attendance increases the rediscovery of our Sisterhood. Each member is a part of our Sisterhood. Each member is here to be loved and supported by your chapter. Together we can hold strong to the Sisterhood of P.E.O. in Georgia





FROM THE TREASURER'S LEDGER:

Amy Pinnell, U, GSC Treasurer

Just a little reminder that you don't have to hold onto your hard-earned project funds until the end of the fiscal year. If your summer fundraisers are wrapped up and that piggy bank is full, go ahead and send those contributions my way now! Think of it like cleaning out the beach bag after vacation—better to do it sooner rather than later. Your early contributions help us keep everything flowing smoothly, and you get that satisfying "checked off the list" feeling. Win-win! So, go ahead and pop those checks in the mail. Future-me will thank present-you!



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Amy Blanco, BS, Northwest Membership Coach

As most of you know, we are excited to share that Georgia now has more Membership Coaches than ever before, giving us the opportunity to better serve chapters across the state. Our role is simple but powerful: to partner with you, the local Membership Chair, and together help your chapter succeed in attaining and maintaining your membership goals.

"The strength of our sisterhood is in showing up for one another."

The purpose of the State Membership Coach is to provide steady support, not only in finding new members, but also in nurturing the bonds of sisterhood that already exist. Stronger connections mean stronger chapters, and we are here to help with resources, ideas, and encouragement every step of the way.

At our August 7 Membership meeting, we celebrated exciting progress as Georgia currently holds the highest increase in membership across all states, provinces, and districts! This is a direct reflection of the dedication of our state chapters who are putting their hearts into strengthening our sisterhood.

"Georgia leads the way in membership growth!"

Looking ahead, we're eager to roll out Membership Zoom sessions ("Zoomies") that will guide local Chairs in their roles, provide outreach strategies, and spark new ideas for building community. We're also continuing "Membership Moments" in future newsletters—bite-sized program ideas, sister-to-sister initiatives, and creative ways to connect, nurture, and grow.

"Celebrate successes. Support challenges. Grow together."

As Michele Williams, Membership Chair, reminded us, this work is a big task, but we are not doing it alone. Together, we are building momentum, supporting one another, and ensuring that every sister feels welcomed, valued, and loved.

"Every sister welcomed. Every sister valued. Every sister loved."



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



Thank you to all the chapter membership chairs who have sent updates for the sisters on your unaffiliate list. Those updates are being entered into the membership portal on the International Chapter website. If you have not done so yet, it's not too late. Just drop an email to Rita Briggs with your chapter letters and the name of the sister you were able or unable to reach and let her know the status.

Making the connection to our sisters who have moved away from their home chapter is like finding a new friend - a new sister - right next door. She

appreciates the call or email and feels welcome to her new location. If you have ever moved, you remember what it was like to be without a new hairdresser, doctor or dentist. Having someone reach out to you from this wonderful Sisterhood to which we belong was like a light in the darkness. Make that connection today.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

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

THE PSA AND STAR portals are now open! Our committee receives referrals from International for the P.E.O. Scholar Award. Please contact us if your chapter would like to be sent a referral. If your chapter has more PSA or STAR candidates than you can handle, please refer these to another chapter or send them to us as soon as possible.

P.I.P. NEWS! If your chapter is a Partner in Peace Chapter AND filled out the P.I.P. form indicating the chapter's desire to be matched with an International Peace Scholar, you should receive your match by the end of September.



SISTER SPOTLIGHT

Chapter Anniversaries

14th Chapter G-1953

14th Chapter H-1953

15th Chapter AR-1987

28th Chapter BB-1996



2nd Suella & Frank Penfield anniv 1874

20th Suella Pearson Penfield death 1920



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SEPTEMBER 2025 NUGGET

Liz Holder, J

Is your chapter working with local high schools to identify scholarship candidates? If so, consider talking to the counselors and coaches about Cottey College too. You can order materials here to share with the counselors. There is also a wealth of resources available on the Promote Cottey website.

Cottey classes are in full swing, and students are excited about what the year will bring. Remember that a list of items you can include with any care packages you send to our Cottey students is available on the Georgia P.E.O. website under the Cottey section. If you are still stumped on what to send, visit the Cottey website for the order form for Cottey Cash which can be used by students on the campus. If you are sending a package to your Cottey student or Southeastern Suite, please do not send real cash for if a student receives more than \$50 in real cash it could jeopardize their loans or scholarships.

If you want to check out the Southeastern Suite you can do so through this link.

This month's tradition is SPUH is a term for a secret pal. Within the residence halls, each current student draws a new student's name at random. The current student begins leaving friendly and encouraging notes for the new student. Each set of secret pals selects names that they will use to identify themselves, e.g. Peanut butter and Jelly or Gumby and Pokey. The current student decides at which point in the year to reveal her identity. Some new students select a current student as a "reverse spuh," and the process is reversed. This tradition grew out of the Big Sister/Little Sister tradition of the 1940-50s and was originally between seniors and freshman when Cottey was a two-year college.

Remember our Georgia "peach" Julia Holmes, contact the Cottey committee email in the roster for her mailing address.

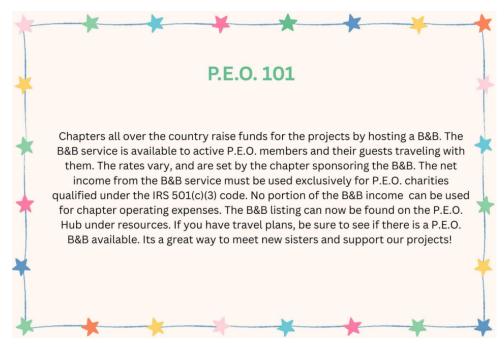
September correspondence chapters: E, M, V, AF, AO, AX, BG, BO

October correspondence chapters: F, N, W, AG, AP, AY, BH, BP

CHAPTER SOCIALS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Did you know? Events Calendar on the GA website includes local chapter fundraisers. If your chapter is hosting an event, you may send flyers to the state president for posting.





Georgia Scholarship: The recorded GA Scholarship Town Hall from July is now on the GA Scholarship page of the GA P.E.O. website.

IMPORTANT DATES

| Aug 1 - Nov 30 | Georgia Scholarship applications due |
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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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