

Alabama's State PEO Historian Report, 2023-24.

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Several Sisters went on to Chapter Eternal (from 23 Chapters) - they will be missed.

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Philanthropy is one of the activities all chapters participate in throughout the year in order to contribute to the various scholarship endowments. Chapter L holds an annual Harvest Market which has morphed into a boutique and cafe' fundraiser selling donated items and showcasing PEO within their community. Chapter AK's Games Galore helped them generate over \$18,000 resulting in 18 AK scholarships awarded. Other fundraising activities included Hanging of the Green (each member donates), garage sales, bake sales, soup sales, pecan sales, geranium sales, AirBnB hosts, book sales, purse sales and many, many more also resulted in attaining our philanthropic goals.

A variety of activities take place each year across the state where PEO sisters (and sometimes their Significant Others) join together for the sole purpose of enjoying each other's company, and this year was no exception. Chapter AL got together for Cinco de Mayo & Mardi Gras; Chapter AM enjoyed Bunco, the theatre and a jaunt to a winery; Chapter AH created "get acquainted questions" which allowed everyone to learn new things about each other; all chapters enjoyed a plethora of programs at their monthly meetings with guest and member presenters, as well as various monthly social outings.

Many chapters participated in Reciprocity events this year; such a pleasurable way to enjoy time with other sisters.

Overall, embracing the adventure for Alabama State PEO looked like powerful women, seasoned with love for one other, conducting productive philanthropic activities with the principled purpose of the betterment of women.

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(Image of front of the book slide #1)

Oh the Places You'll Go - I have modified several Dr. Suess poems , please indulge my sense of humor - it is kind of out there!

(Image of the poem Be True to Yourself slide #2)

BE TRUE TO YOURSELF

You have brains in your head,
You have feet in your shoes,
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.

You're on your own. And you know what you know,
And YOU are the gals who'll decide where to go.

Alabama's Statewide PEO Chapters certainly Embrace the Adventure. Our adventure was **(Image of the words Powerful, Productive, Principled Slide #3)** POWERFUL, PRODUCTIVE and PRINCIPLED. **(POWERFUL slide #4, just the word powerful in a powerful way 🤔)**. Many initiates were added and several inactive members became active - POWERFUL! **(PRODUCTIVE , slide #5, just the word productive . . .)** Multiple connections were forged: each chapter sought out ways for women to help women pursue higher education - PRODUCTIVE! **(PRINCIPLED slide #6, just the word principled . . .)** Philanthropic efforts across the board were driven by women dedicated to giving of themselves for the betterment of others - PRINCIPLED! And last but certainly not least - **(slide #7 something fun???)** We had PHUN 😊.

(Image of the poem Surround Yourself with Good People, slide #8)

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEO PEEPS

But the YEPS

On the STEPS ---
They're great fun
to have around.

And so are
many, many
other sisters
that I have found

~~~There's a Wocket in My Pocket!

PEO sisters across Alabama found ways to connect with women in our communities. We consistently and persistently took CHANCES and hiked to unknown places seeking like-minded sisters to join our forces. Shout-out to Chapter A with 57 active members, Chapter J with 58 and Chapter AC with 57 active new members - WOW! 25 chapters initiated 69 members with a shout-out to Chapters U, AK & AL, with 5 new members, as well as as well as Chapters E, T & AC who each added 4 new members. Multiple chapters TOOK CHANCES by reaching out to inactive members which resulted in 8 chapters reinstating 11 members. To this end, Chapter J took this task to heart and literally sent out hundreds of notes, made calls and sent flowers, definitely going above and beyond.

**(Image of Expand Your Horizons, slide #9)**

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

The more that you read,  
The more things you will know.  
The more that you learn,  
The more places you'll go.

~~~I Can Read With My Eyes Shut

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women. Alabama alone had many, many scholarship applicants with multiple recipients, several star recipients and some Cottey College attendees. In addition to initiating women into various chapter, our awesome state officers helped to add two new chapters - Welcome Chapters AO & AP, as well as , facilitated a reorganization of Chapter R! Kudos all around!

(Image of Think Outside the Box, slide #10)

THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

And ZATZ is the letter
I use to spell Zatz-It
Whose nose is so high
that 'most nobody pats it. . .
So, to get there and do it,
I built an invention:
The Three-Seater Zatz-it
Nose-Patting Extension.
~~~On Beyond Zebra!

PEO Sisters really stepped up and “thought outside the box” this year. Philanthropy is one of the activities all chapters participate in throughout the year in order to contribute to the various scholarship endowments. Chapter L holds an annual Harvest Market which has morphed into a boutique and cafe’ fundraiser selling donated items and showcasing PEO within their community. Chapter AK’s Games Galore helped them generate over \$18,000 resulting in 18 AK scholarships awarded. Other fundraising activities included Hanging of the Green (each member donates), garage sales, bake sales, soup sales, pecan sales, geranium sales, AirBnB hosts, book sales, purse sales and many, many more also resulted in attaining our philanthropic goals.

**(Image of the poem Take Chances slide #11)**

## TAKE CHANCES

The places I hiked to!  
The roads that I rambled  
To find the best eggs  
that have ever been scrambled! . . .  
If you want to get off  
you can't but at the store,  
You have to do things  
never thought of before.

~~~Scrambled Eggs Super!

Putting yourself out there is not always easy. A variety of activities take place each year across the state where PEO sisters (and sometimes their Significant Others) join together for the sole purpose of enjoying each other's company while having PHUN, and this year was no exception. Chapter AL got together for Cinco de Mayo & Mardi Gras; Chapter AM enjoyed Bunco, the theatre and a jaunt to a winery; Chapter AH created "get acquainted questions" which allowed everyone to learn new things about each other; all chapters enjoyed a plethora of programs at their monthly meetings with guest and member presenters, as well as various monthly social outings.

(Image of Don't Be Afraid to Accept Help, slide #12)

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ACCEPT HELP

I floated twelve days without toothpaste or soap,
I practically, almost had given up hope
When a sister up high shouted, "Here, Catch the rope!"
Then I knew that my troubles had come to an end
And I climbed up the rope, calling, "Thank you, my friend!"
Sister reach out to sisters, chapters reach out to chapters - we all need
each other and are better together. To this end, many chapters

participated in Reciprocity events this year; such a pleasurable way to enjoy time with other sisters and learn from them.

(Image of Be Proactive, slide #13)

BE PROACTIVE

UNLESS someone like you
Care a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better.
It's not.

~~~The Lomax

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Thank you for your kind attention this evening. I will leave you with this.

**(Image of Pat Yourself on the Back slide #14 )**

PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK