

## PAST STATE PRESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name:	Patricia C. Franklin	
Years Served on State or Provincial Board:	1991 - 1998	
Years presided as president:	1997 - 1998	
What was Your Theme?	"Let Your Light So Shine . . ."	
What were you contemplating when you selected this theme?		
There is an inner glow in each P.E.O. -- some are sources of light, others are reflections -- even a small star shines in the darkness.		
What was the central message of your acceptance speech as President? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)		
Encouragement for each sister to reflect on her own talents and gifts, and what she has to offer to the P.E.O. Sisterhood		
As you wrapped up your Presidency you had thoughts: what were they? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)		
As we all wanted, my hope was for increased interest in Alabama for this very special sisterhood. I was challenging our membership to seek new ground in some of the more isolated areas of our state -- to bring in the fringes.		
Please list an accomplishment (or two) from your tenure on the board.		
Through the joint effort of the boards I served on, and the collective effort of all Alabama P.E.O.s, we organized four chapters during my tenure, and our membership grew from less than 1,000 to over 1,100. Chapter AB, Daphne, was organized during my year as Alabama State Organizer.		
Briefly – what does P.E.O. mean to you?		
P.E.O.s always have been my special sisters--my very best friends. Having experienced this bond through my local sisters, Alabama sisters, and all over the U.S. and Canada, has been amazing. Serving the sisterhood has meant unbelievable growth for me in many aspects of my life.		
Briefly – can you provide a personal philosophy about philanthropy in P.E.O.?		
Our motto, "Women Helping Women . . ." says it all. Seeing the twinkle in someone's eyes when she learns what we might be able to do to help her achieve her educational goals, brings on an undeniable feeling of "making a difference."		
When/where did you become a P.E.O.?		
1978 - Chapter G, Montgomery		
To which chapters have you belonged?		
Chapter G		
What offices have you held in the local chapter?		
All		

Since your Executive Board experience, what have you done in P.E.O.?
Served on state committees, convention committees, and continued to serve in one of several offices in my chapter.
Please list your Education and degrees earned?
University of California, Berkeley; Armstrong Business College, Berkeley; Trenholm State Technical College, Montgomery; and Troy University, Montgomery, Alabama
Your Employment?
My first work experiences were in the secretarial field prior to motherhood. Then after the children were in school, I earned licensure as a practical nurse, and later as a registered nurse. My nursing career varied with work in a labor and delivery unit, in a doctor's office, as a hospital bill auditor, and finally in a worksite wellness program for the Alabama Department of Public Health. My nursing career was fostered by many years of serving as a Red Cross Volunteer in military hospitals where my husband was stationed.
Your Family members?
My husband, Lt. Col. James Franklin, USAF, retired. We have two daughters, Michelle and Judith, seven grandchildren, and two great granddaughters .
Your family who are P.E.O.s?
One daughter now inactive.
Your Awards?
The awards (rewards) I have received in my lifetime have been intangible. Love from parents and other family members, and seeing the accomplishments each has attained has been enormous reward.
Your Interests?
Family, friends, reading, travel , and "Patty's Place" at Lake Martin
Your activities outside P.E.O.?
Church (altar guild, vestry clerk, prayer quilt ministry, office volunteer), book club, and neighborhood community
Is there anything else you'd like to add?
My formative years were spent in a rural agricultural town near San Diego, where my father was a citrus and avocado rancher. I met my husband -to-be at the University of California. After we were married, home was in many locations -- Maine, Texas, California, Lima, Peru and Alabama.