



August 2024 Newsletter

First, a Big Thank-You!

How could we let any more time elapse without saying a big thank you to the sisters of Chapters G, K, AE, and AG for all the work they put into our 2024 convention?! These sisters volunteered many, many hours of their time as well as their talents to make the convention a big success! And while we're thanking our sisters, we want to say a special thanks to those of you who are serving the local chapters by acting as officers and by leading chapter committees! Many of you are also serving on state committees as well. How could our state function without your service? It is the servant volunteers that keep P.E.O. alive and thriving in Alabama! Every sister in our state fills a need, for those serving as leaders also need hands to do the work of the chapters and the state. Every sister is valuable! Thank you all for choosing to accept the gift of P.E.O. and for giving back to the organization. None of us state officers could do our jobs without you and your support, and we offer our gratitude and love.

Philanthropy Chairs

And speaking of leadership, chapter corresponding secretaries, don't forget to enter the philanthropy chairs for your chapter if you have not yet done so. Even if the chairs are the same as last year, please go again to the International website (<https://www.peointernational.org/resource/local-chapter-report-of-project-chairs/>) and follow the directions to enter the names of your chairs. That will help our philanthropy leadership to reach the appropriate sister in our local chapters to share news of the project.

Cottey College

State vice president Cel Bailey, D, and Susan Tanner, S, from the state Cottey committee will be traveling to the biannual Cottey Seminar at Cottey College in Nevada, MO, August 10-13. We know they will bring back news from the college. Be watching the future newsletters for their report!

Reciprocity News

On June 22, 2024, the North Alabama Reciprocity Luncheon and Marketplace was held in Huntsville at Trinity United Methodist Church, hosted by Chapter M, Huntsville. What fun it was! On August 17, 2024, Chapters F and AE will host the Birmingham area annual Reciprocity Brunch, P.E.O. Soiree, and Marketplace at Brookwood Baptist Church. These reciprocity events give area P.E.O. sisters a wonderful chance to visit, get to know each other, purchase some P.E.O. swag, and have a blast!

If you have an upcoming reciprocity event, let the board know so that we can publicize it!

Welcome!

P.E.O. Alabama welcomes Kayla Stewart, AF, and Debbie Sammelman, AG, our two newest initiates! Also, Robin Anderson has transferred to Chapter AG from Chapter OT in Iowa! We are so glad that you are all part of Alabama P.E.O.!

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Chapter F in the death of Wilhelmina K. Rist Vigee, one of our precious Golden Girls, and to Chapter AF in the death of Jerri Emerson. These new stars in Chapter Eternal will not be forgotten.

New Website

Have you checked out the new Alabama P.E.O. website? If not, visit peoalabama.org! Click on the Members button, click on Forgot my Password, and follow the directions in an email you will receive from WordPress to set a password for the new site. (If you don't receive an email, check your SPAM folder.) If you have any problems, send an email to altechpeo@gmail.com. Our very capable technology committee will help you as efficiently as possible. While you're visiting the new website, check out your chapter's information. Are your officers correct? How about your meeting day and time? If you see anything that needs to be changed, again contact altechpeo@gmail.com.

Yearbooks

Have you sent a hard copy of your chapter's yearbook for display at the 2025 convention? If not, send it to Chery Williams, our state secretary. Her address is on the new website (and in your yearbook!).

You Can Help Us

Please let us know what is happening in your chapter! Do you have some special news to share? Put it on the website (altechpeo@gmail.com) or email Elaine Bassett to be included in the newsletter!

Can We Help You?

Is there anything that the state board can do for you or your chapter? If there is any way we may be of help to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to one (or all!) of us. If we can't help, we will find someone who can. We are here for you!

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."

Psalm 133:1

*We are one family of sisters, and it is **our love** for each other that unifies us.*

Lovingly,

Elaine, Cel, Paige, Nancy, and Chery