



*P.E.O.—Where women motivate, educate, and celebrate women!*

## **November 2024**

*When I wrote last month, it seemed that all the board members were hobbling around for one reason or another. I am happy to report that we have all recovered for the most part! The board met October 24-26 at the home of Chery Williams in Elberta and had a very productive meeting. We always enjoy the time we spend together, and we work well together to take care of the business of Alabama P.E.O. Whenever I leave such a meeting, I feel very blessed that all the board members love each other and love serving Alabama. How fortunate I am.*

*--Elaine*

## **Welcome New Sisters**

Welcome, welcome, new sisters! Val Saslow, AC; Clara Hurst, AC; Tina Lieb, AF; Avie Medeiros, AF; Melissa Voorhies, AN; Joyce Jones, AO; and BJ Landrum, AP. Also Susan Stacey has transferred to Chapter AG from FP/MI. We are so happy to have all of you join our Alabama sisterhood!

## **In Sympathy**

Several sisters' deaths have been reported during the last month: Ruth P. Spenser, A; Patricia R. Mize, D; Betty Sue Carson, M; Joy Neill Groenke, M; Judy Beckvermit, AG; Ann Smith, AM; Sally Moutardier, AO.

All of the chapters represented here have our deepest sympathy.

If your chapter loses one of its sisters, don't forget to have the corresponding secretary enter that information with International using the Member Update form. Then, cor secs, please complete the Chapter Eternal Notification Form on the Alabama website at <https://members.peoalabama.org/local-chapters/forms/>. That form should be sent to the state secretary, Chery Williams, so that your sister can be remembered at our Celebration of Life at convention.

## **Dues Reminder**

Don't forget that dues for International go up \$5 with your February/March annual report. (In 2023, International raised its dues \$10, \$5 in 2024 and another \$5 in 2025.) That \$5 increase should also be reflected in your chapter's bylaws. When you complete your annual report, each sister will automatically be assessed \$36 for international dues. Please be sure that your chapter dues will cover that amount and that \$36 is reflected in your chapter's bylaws. (If you need to amend your bylaws, the chapter must vote to approve the change.)

## **Yearbook Requirement Change**

Per a unanimous vote of the board this past weekend, local chapters will no longer be required to submit a hard copy of their yearbooks to the state secretary for display at convention. Instead, delegates may bring a hard copy to convention if they wish it to be displayed. The state secretary will have a designated display area for

yearbooks that delegates provide. Chapters will still be required to submit a copy (either digital or hard) to each member of the board, meeting the requirements outlined by the state.

## State Goals

Has your chapter been trying to meet the goals of showing your love as “Sisters of the Heart”? Have you done something special for one of your non-participating members? Have you invited at least two friends or family members to join your chapter? Have you sponsored a woman for one of P.E.O.’s philanthropies? Is anyone in your chapter serving on a state committee? Or will she agree to serve next year? All of these goals serve to share our love of each other and of P.E.O. to other women. Thank you for all you do, my precious “Sisters of the Heart”!

## Suggestion from International

Plan to help with a food drive or serve at a shelter and include your nonparticipating and inactive sisters. Give them the opportunity to participate or donate, which makes them feel like they are helping, too.

Make sure all chapter sisters who are spending Thanksgiving alone are invited to a sister’s home for Thanksgiving dinner.

## IPS News

Effective November 1, chapters who donate \$500 to IPS are no longer required to complete a hard copy of the IPS Partners in Peace form. Effective November 1, 2024, a new online IPS Match Form will be available on the P.E.O. International Member Website. If your chapter donates \$500 to IPS and wishes to be a Partner in Peace chapter, send the money to our state treasurer. THEN, go to the online form (**PIP Match Form**) and complete it. The form will be submitted directly to the IPS Supervisor at P.E.O. International, who will confirm the \$500 donation.

## Exciting STAR and Cottey News

Cottey College has announced that any young woman receiving a STAR award is automatically eligible for \$10,000 if she attends Cottey College. That sounds like a win-win all around!

## PSA News in Alabama

This academic year, 100 women have been selected to receive a P.E.O. Scholar Award. One of those recipients is Julia Di, nominated by Chapter AL of Alabama! Thank you for recommending her, Chapter AL! Another recipient, Chloe Jones, recommended by Chapter U in Arizona, is attending the University of Alabama.

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*

*Colossians 3:15*

*We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are all grateful for YOU!*

*Lovingly,  
Elaine, Cel, Paige, Nancy, and Chery*