



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

## March 2025

### Welcome New Sisters

Alabama State Chapter continues its generosity in offering the gift of P.E.O. to new sisters. Nine outstanding women have been initiated into our chapters this month: **Jennifer Canfield**, Chapter A; **Laurel Hoag**, Chapter D; **Corinne P. Garrett**, Chapter G; **Molly Peake Weakley**, Chapter J; **Penni Jeter** and **Robbie Scott**, Chapter O; **Deborah Newell**, Chapter AG; **Stefanie Mead**, Chapter AH; and **Abigail Witthauer**, Chapter AM.

### In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Chapter I/Tuscaloosa in the death of **Helen B. Gibson**, to Chapter J/Huntsville in the death of **Permelia M. Rogers**, to Chapter S/Florence in the loss of **Marjorie Poe** and **Peggy Hallmark**, to Chapter W in the death of **Dale Shaw**, to Chapter AA/Birmingham in the loss of **Pamela Pullen**, to Chapter AJ/Huntsville in the death of **Judith B. Berry**, and, last, to Chapter AO in the loss of **Pat Elder**. May their stars shine brightly to guide us.

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.

### Corresponding Secretary Reminder

Don't forget to enter the names of your **new officers** as well as your **convention delegates** just as soon as they are installed (or elected, in the case of delegates). Likewise, if your chapter is entitled to attend **Convention of International Chapter (CIC)** in September (Chapters E, F, H, O, AF, AN), please enter that sister's name as well.

Just as important is that you input the names of your **project and membership chairs**. When the new state committees begin their work, they need to be able to contact the chairs of the local chapters to share their goals, advice on finding recipients, and the latest news from International. Don't forget this important step!

### President's Letters

Thank you to the chapter presidents who have sent in their letters to me! I have thoroughly enjoyed reading about the activities and accomplishments of your chapters. If you have not yet had time to do so, I encourage you to send yours in as soon as possible. It is through your president's letter that I know whether or not you have met the goals for 2024-2025. Plus, I love knowing what is going on in your chapter!

## **Annual Reports**

Probably by the time you read this newsletter, your treasurer and president will have finished entering their information for annual reports. (The reports are due March 10!) Be sure to thank your president, treasurer, and corresponding secretary for everything they have done for your chapter this year!

## **Philanthropy Reports**

Local Chapter project chairs should submit their reports to the chairs of the state project committees by March 10, 2025. Those reports can be found on the Alabama website at <https://members.peoalabama.org/local-chapters/forms/>.

## **Fundraiser for Convention!**

Convention will be here before we know it! To help raise money to fund the convention, the state is offering tee shirts, mugs, and note cards for sale through CauseTeam! A flyer is attached at the end of the newsletter. Please visit the site and purchase one (or all!) of the items. Many thanks to Cel for setting up the fundraiser for the state.

## **Upcoming Convention (and Delegates)**

Registration for convention is now open on the Alabama website! Check [peoalabama.org](https://members.peoalabama.org) to register for the convention, select your meals, and make your hotel reservation at Hotel Capstone. The executive board and convention committee have already been working to make this an excellent, exciting convention, and you should be there!

This year's convention will feature a Daisy Garden filled with assorted star and daisy jewelry and other P.E.O. collectables, so bring a little money to spend! (A credit card works well, too!) All profits from the Daisy Garden go back into the convention fund.

*"There is a comfort in the strength of love; 'Twill make a thing endurable, which else would overset the brain, or break the heart."*

*--William Wordsworth, "Michael"*

*As you begin a new year in your chapters, remember to be filled with love at all times. Love does cover a multitude of weaknesses, and it makes many difficult situations not only bearable but fruitful.*

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

## P.E.O. Alabama State Chapter Annual Fundraiser!



To help raise funds to offset the cost of convention, the Alabama P.E.O. chapter is hosting a CAUSETEAM fundraiser. During the month of February, we will offer a variety of tee shirts and in March, mugs and notecards, ALL emblazoned with our International P.E.O. mission statement.

Share the good works of our organization by wearing it, sipping from it, and writing on it!

**Click the link below (while holding down the CTRL key) to access the items!**

**<https://www.causeteam.com/causepages/detail/peo-alabama>**

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