



## ALABAMA STATE NEWSLETTER

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*"Your sparkle is always within you and shines brightest when you spread love, joy and kindness."*

### New P.E.O.s

A Big Welcome to *initiates* Eileen J. Taylor and Diane Pickle, both new to Chapter AI, Prattville; *reinstated sisters* Kelly Long, Chapter Q, Decatur, and Lisa Baggett, Chapter AB, Daphne; *transfers* Terry N. Corley, Chapter D, Birmingham, and Kayla Robers, Chapter H, Mobile. Welcome to Alabama, Kayla, who transferred from Chapter GN/TX.

### IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Chapter J, Huntsville on the death of Norma Stagner; to Chapter AD, Huntsville on the death of Adair Seeman; to Chapter AG, Foley on the death of Anne McCormick, and to Chapter C, Mobile on the death of Terry Wysong. The heavenly stars shine brighter with the addition of these sisters!

### BIRTHDAY CHAPTERS

Happy Birthday Wishes to Chapter AO, Montevallo celebrating their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on June 15, Chapter S, Florence, celebrating 46 years on June 16, and Chapter AJ, Huntsville celebrating 19 years on June 17, 2025.

### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

State philanthropy committees: Mark your calendars for one of two educational offerings on Tuesday, June 24 @ 6 pm and Saturday, June 28 @ 10 am. Local Chapter philanthropy committees: Mark your calendars for one of two educational opportunities on Saturday July 12 @ 10 am and Tuesday, July 15 @ 6 pm. Our goal is to ensure better communication and understanding of expectations and responsibilities. All members who are interested in serving on the state or local philanthropy committee level are invited to attend.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Local Chapter Treasurers: please mail your Chapter Giving contributions directly to Nancy Newton, Organizer, until July 31 when Chery Williams, Treasurer, will be fully recovered from knee surgery.
- Friendly Reminder: YEARBOOKS are due in 14 days! Our first yearbook was submitted on May 19, 2025, by Chapter AJ, Huntsville. Reading the yearbooks is such a delight! I LOVE the variety of programs! Thank you for your dedication and commitment in planning and assembling a wonderful year for your chapter!
- Recording Secretaries: remember to send the Bylaws/Standing Rules Change form (located on the state website) to Sally Priester, Secretary. Checking the "NO CHANGE" box before you send the form via email or USPS to Sally lets her know your chapter has made no changes since March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Corresponding Secretaries: Please submit the death of a chapter sister as soon as possible with International (Member Update Form) and complete the Chapter Eternal Notification Form on the Alabama State website. Don't forget to send the state form and a copy of the obituary (if available) to Sally so your sister can be remembered at our State Convention Celebration of Life.
- LEAD (Leadership, Education, and Development) for state presidents and organizers is July 17-20, 2025, in Des Moines, IO. Nancy Newton and I are excited to represent our Alabama P.E.O. chapters as we learn of new changes on the horizon.
- CIC (Convention of International Chapters) is September 4-6, 2025, in Phoenix, AZ. Members of our Alabama delegation will be happy to provide an in-person convention report for your chapter after CIC. If you are interested, please let Cel know. CIC reports will also be sent to each chapter.
- Saturday, October 25th is our Alabama State-Wide P.E.O. Day of Service. This is going to be a single day of the year for all 42 chapters to UNITE in one effort. NO SUBSTITUE DAYS, PLEASE! I am so awed and very proud of the many ways our chapters champion the advancement of women by building P.E.O.'s presence in the community throughout the year!
- Our first in-person state board meeting was held May 22-24, 2025, at my home during which we hosted two Local Chapter Officer ZOOM sessions, held our first quarterly/transition meeting and hosted dinner with the Board for our area local chapter presidents. Much appreciation to my Chapter D sisters who provided every delicious meal enjoyed in my home, Betty von Hermann, AA, PSP, who housed 3 of our board members and Linda Kottmeyer who kept us in AWE as she shared documents, ledgers, scrapbooks, program books, convention proceedings, etc. of our Alabama P.E.O. dating back to 1930 when our first P.E.O. Chapter A, Auburn was organized. Sisters, our history is AMAZING!
- 2025 State Convention members: I hope you have placed your P.E.O. car magnet on the back of your vehicle so you can share P.E.O. with the world around you!

**Sisters, as we work together to motivate, educate and celebrate women. may we continue to DREAM BIG,  
SPARKLE BRIGHT and SHINE MORE each day!**

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Cel, Paige, Nancy, Chery and Sally