



♫ Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch, row by row
God bless these seeds I sow
And worm them from below
Til the rains come tumblin'
down.♫

MAY 2026 ALABAMA STATE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Convention 2026

What an amazing **2026 P.E.O. Alabama State Convention** in Decatur! President Cel Bailey presided and we were inspired by project speakers and displays, business sessions, including the passage of an historic amendment, informative workshops, and recognitions. What fun we had with Dream Catchers (with incredible chapter-donated baskets!), sharing meals, reuniting with long-time sisters, and meeting new ones! If you were unable to attend, please check out the P.E.O. Alabama Facebook page for some photos. If you haven't joined yet, please do! For those of you who did attend, please post your pictures on our Facebook page and be sure to share them with our State Historian, Leanne Waller-Trupp. It's not too late to send in your Convention Evaluation and Opportunity to Serve forms (see submission instructions at the bottom of the form). We appreciate your feedback and willingness to serve the Sisterhood.

New Officers

The **new officers** of the Alabama State P.E.O. are President Paige McCormick, AC; Vice President Nancy Newton, AJ; Organizer Chery Williams, AG; Treasurer Sally Martin Priester, AD; and Secretary Nancy Spangler, B. Your 2026 - 2027 Board is ready to start working for you! Please remember that we are committed to your growth this year and want to do anything we can to help you. Call on us for assistance, invite us to your meetings and social events, let us know when you are facing challenges. . . let us be part of your P.E.O. year!

New State Theme and One Wildly Important Membership Goal

The 2026 - 2027 theme is **"Grow With P.E.O.,"** an encouragement to strengthen and sustain chapters and chapter members. P.E.O. International asked the Board to choose one wildly important goal for the coming year and we chose "Reduce the number of members going inactive by 50%."

Board Buddies

As before, each of the officers will serve as a **board buddy** to several chapters. Paige works with chapters E, H, O, W, AB, AF, AI, and AJ; Nancy N., A, B, D, F, K, R, T, and AG; Chery, I, J, L, S, Y, Z, AA, AH, and AK; Sally, C, G, N, Q, X, AC, AD, AM, and AP; and Nancy S. will be the new Board Buddy for M, P, U, V, AE, AL, AN, and AO. You should all be hearing from your board buddy soon!

Yearbooks and Chapter By-Laws

Chapter Yearbooks and updated chapter by-laws are due June 15 to your state officers. The new "Grow With P.E.O." logo, list of state officers and committees, organizer visits, state goals, notification of state and international conventions, and the 2026 yearbook checklist have been sent to all local chapter presidents and corresponding secretaries. Please share these with your Yearbook Committees!

Local Officer Training This Month

May Zoom workshop will help local chapter officers become more acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of their offices. The Board will offer it on two different days/times for your convenience. The first workshop will be on **Monday, May 18, at 6 p.m.** The second will be on **Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m.** Look for more information soon regarding the workshop.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

Paige, Nancy N., Chery, Sally, and Nancy S.

