SEPTEMBER 2026 ALABAMA STATE CHAPTER ALMANAC

Grain for grain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land

Hello, dear sisters! Please enjoy the September 2026 Almanac from the Alabama State Board.

THANK YOU to all who participated in Monday night's WIG KICK-OFF Workshop hosted by the State Membership Committee! All local chapter presidents received a Golden Daisy Challenge packet to help us reach our Wildly Important Goal (WIG) of reducing the number of sisters going inactive by 50%! Encourage your chapter to participate in this fun challenge. (Lisa Vardaman, Chair, has provided a helpful check sheet to keep track of points.)

REMINDERS:

1) **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, DEADLINE:** Submit your Alabama Cottey Scholarship Fund Survey! Contact Cindy Fry, PSP, for further information: cindyfrypeo@gmail.com OR Cindy at 256-683-3890.
2) **Official Visits (OVs):** Chery Williams, our Board Organizer, is visiting chapters who are scheduled for Official Visits. **Please welcome and encourage Chery in this important service to our sisterhood.**
3) **Project Nominee Deadlines! Let's find candidates for these life-impacting scholarships and grants!**

- **STAR** Scholarship chapter nomination period: August 15 through October 15
- **PSA** (P.E.O. Scholar Awards) chapter nomination period: Aug. 20 – Nov. 20
- **IPS** (International Peace Scholarship) begins accepting eligibility forms on September 15
- **PCE (**Program for Continuing Education)**:** Check rolling nomination periods on the P.E.O. International HUB
- **ELF** (Education Loan Fund) chapter nominations can be submitted at any time!

4) **COTTEY COLLEGE: It's RECRUITMENT SEASON! P.E.O. Visit Day, November 6-7, 2026, is officially OPEN! Is your chapter visiting with high school seniors at college fairs? Are you contacting local high school guidance counselors? Homeschool associations? Private schools?** Prospective students receive 1) Waived application fee for admission to Cottey 2) $1,500 renewable scholarship upon enrollment, and 3) Hotel accommodations if traveling more than 100 miles, as space allows. The Alabama Cottey Scholarship Fund also has a travel grant to help prospective students visit the school. Remember, if your chapter refers a student to Cottey and she enrolls, she gets an automatic $10,000 scholarship! Click here for more information: **https://cottey.edu/peo/p-e-o-visit-day/ about Cottey Visit Day. Contact Cynthia Lumpkin, Chair, Cottey Cottage Scholarship and Recruitment Committee, about travel grant information: Cynthia at 334-790-1643 (cell) or cynthia.tippi@gmail.com.**

5) Questions about your chapter's scholarship funds at the Foundation? Your contact person is Jennifer Bream. Email her at jbream3@gmail.com for information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **NOVEMBER P.E.O. In the Know** – Condensed Meeting Procedure Training for local chapter officers, November 10 and 12. Invitation links will be sent out to local chapters. Let's find ways to streamline our business meetings!
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Chapter AQ Organization. NEW CHAPTER AQ, Guntersville, is on schedule to be organized in November! Get in on the action!** Lunch meetings are held at The Church of the Epiphany in Guntersville on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 11:30 AM: Upcoming meetings are September 9 and 23, and October 14 and 28. Contact Wendy James at alabamadaisy.girls@gmail.com for further meeting details and for how to support the new chapter organizing expenses through gifts of support.

Welcome new sisters! Natalya Villescas, E\AL Auburn (Transfer); Pam Erickson, AL\AL Madison (Transfer); Jennifer May, Q\AL Decatur; Jane Gates U\AL Decatur (Transfer); Carol Laramore, Rene Segrest, and Julie Youngquist, W\AL Dothan. Alabama membership now stands at 1302 and counting. **How wonderfully we are growing our gardens!**

Condolences to Chapter F, Birmingham, on the loss of their sister, Virginia Halter, and to Chapter I, Tuscaloosa, on the loss of their sister, Ann Cooper Poe. Memorial ceremonies for funerals and chapter meetings can be found at peoalabama.org under Documents and Forms. Search for P.E.O. Memorial Services.

Lovingly in P.E.O., Paige, Nancy N., Chery, Sally, and Nancy S.