P.E.O.s Ready for Happy New Year!

by Gayle Lichti, Z
Utah State President

HAPPY NEW YEAR, P.E.O.s! I trust you all have your New Year’s resolutions in place and are looking ahead to a healthy and happy 2015. The month of January always brings two things to P.E.O.s — colder weather and the collection of dues. Please don’t forget to pay yours.

Each chapter will also be receiving 2015 P.E.O. Convention registration materials this month. It is not too early to plan your next “Girls’ Weekend” for Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3 at the newly remodeled University Park Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City. We are planning a good time for all.

Speaking of Convention, I would like to remind you that any state bylaw amendment proposals that you wish to make must be submitted to Nancy Ramsdell, AE, PSP by January 15 and any bylaw changes that your chapter has made this year must be sent by the recording secretary to Nancy Williams, Y, State V.P. by March 31. Also, we are asking that each chapter provide one to three pictures for the state history book. It won’t be complete unless we have every chapter in it! They may be sent to Nancy Webster, Z at jhwebster@aol.com. Keep warm ladies!

Lovingly, Gayle
Winter Workshop to be February 28
By Gayle Lichti, Z
Utah State President

Leadership is the focus for P.E.O International Chapter these days. P.E.O.s are busy women and whether we are involved in our children’s schools, various clubs or guilds, volunteer work, church activities, full- or part-time work, an office or committee chairmanship for P.E.O., or just raising a family, leadership skills can be very important.

Last year a Winter Workshop was held for P.E.O. membership chairmen and selected chapter officers. This year, on Saturday, February 28 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, State Vice President Nancy Williams (Y) will give an informational and inspiring presentation on our philanthropies for the local chapter Philanthropy Committee members. State President Gayle Lichti (Z) and State Organizer Kimberly Albro (AE) will give a presentation on leadership as presented to them by Dr. Judy Rogers, president of Cottey College.

State Treasurer Brenda Boren (M) and State Secretary Diane Browning (F) will be available in separate rooms to answer last minute questions regarding year-end reports and officer training for local chapter treasurers and secretaries.

This was a very fun and informative workshop last year and is an event that you won’t want to miss! Further information and RSVP instructions will be sent to your local chapter president soon.

Convention Coasters Handy for Hosts

Looking for a great gift for a special P.E.O. sister or a unique item to protect your furniture when you hostess P.E.O.?

Utah State Chapter will be selling attractively packaged coasters at a price of $9 for a set of six. You will have two designs to choose from and proceeds will go toward operating and Convention costs for Utah State Chapter. These coasters are made of typical bar coaster board and are sturdy, absorbent, and reusable.

Your coasters will be available at Convention for you or your chapter delegate to take home, but each chapter must place its order by March 1, 2015. A few extra sets of coasters will be for sale at Convention, but order now to assure that you get as many as you would like! Further information and order forms will be available at your chapter meeting this month.
‘Phone Every One Day’ Coming Up
by Bobbi Nichols, AL, PSP
State Membership Committee

Phone Every One Day is January 21.

It’s that time of year to gather friends and family close and make sure everyone feels welcome and taken care of in the New Year. Are there inactive or non-participating sisters in your chapter who need to be welcomed back? Be sure to join us on January 21 for Phone Every One Day. Why not get together with a few of your chapter members and set aside some time to share some cake and coffee and call those inactive sisters? Invite them to join you later on in the week for a cup of coffee and some conversation. This might be just what they’ve been waiting for. Remember, many hands make light work, so get busy and join other P.E.O.s to contact those inactive or non-participating sisters, and let’s “Go and Grow in P.E.O.”

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Helen Abbott Fund Helped 11 This Year
By Shawn Clarke, T

Since establishment in 1952, the Helen Abbott Fund has helped more than 277 women. In the first eight months of this year, the fund awarded $14,000 to 11 women, three for emergency assistance and eight for educational assistance.

HAF provides a one-time financial award to aid a member or nonmember in a financial emergency or to support their educational pursuit in a degree or certification program at a Utah post-secondary institution. The recipient must be a Utah resident and be recommended by a Utah P.E.O. chapter. The current maximum grant is $1,500 and applications may be received throughout the year.

Both of these awards are to assist Utah women in overcoming specific emergencies either in their personal lives or in the continuation of their education. The applicant must show a documented need for the emergency monies or educational assistance.

Additional information may be found at [http://www.peoutah.org/](http://www.peoutah.org/) in the P.E.O Philanthropies section or email questions to peoutah.abbott@gmail.com
Utah State P.E.O. Wants You!
by Nancy Williams, Y
Utah State Vice President

Help wanted: Enthusiastic, dedicated, P.E.O. sisters sought to serve as State Committee members.

Positions available: Amendments and Recommendations, Auditing, Calendar Sales, Finance, Nominating, International Philanthropy Representatives and Utah Philanthropy Committee Members (must be eager to learn about our fantastic philanthropies and be willing to share that knowledge with other sisters and the public). For a brief description of each committee please click here or visit the Download Center at www.peoutah.org.

Tenure: normally three years/some only one.

Skills needed: A willingness to learn, a passion for helping, an interest in sharing ideas, basic computer knowledge.

Responsibilities: Monitor and respond occasionally to the committee’s email account, review candidate applications, attend approximately three meetings face-to-face or via Skype as a committee annually, communicate with State Board adviser.

Compensation: Appreciation for assisting P.E.O. Utah, pride in assisting others, a broader knowledge of our fantastic organization, fulfillment of your “power of 1”, the opportunity to pay it forward, knowing you are getting the most from your membership.

For further information please email: nancywms65@gmail.com or call 801-566-7454.

Chapter AL Takes On a Tradition
By Carla Johnson, AL

Chapter AL members donated the turkeys and Reams Grocery Store donated apples for a “Turkey Trot” at East Midvale School on Friday, November 21. Of the school’s 722 students, 523 between kindergarten through fifth grade ran the race. Eighty percent of the students at East Midvale live at or below the poverty level. Originally a teacher at the school sponsored the activity but the event was no longer held after she retired. Chapter AL’s President, Marce Weibel suggested that the chapter start the tradition again. The weather was perfect for a run and there were smiles all around.
SLC Reciprocity to Focus on Membership

By Ginny Hughes, AC

Worried about declining membership? State Organizer Kimberly Albro will conduct a presentation on what we can do about the declining numbers of members in P.E.O and highlight P.E.O. membership trends at our Reciprocity meeting on February 12, 2015, at the First Congregational Church, 2150 S. Foothill Dr., Salt Lake City. Refreshments are served at 10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

Save the Date for Founders’ Day

Save the date for our annual Founders’ Day celebrations. The Top of Utah Reciprocity (TOUR) Celebration will be on Saturday March 8 and will be hosted by Chapter J. The Salt Lake City Founders’ Day Brunch hosted by Chapter V will be on Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Salt Lake Country Club, 2400 Country Club Drive. Additional information will be sent to chapters.

2015 Pocket Calendars Available

The calendar girls — Fran Fouts and Karen Iversen — are happy to report that ALL the 2015 wall calendars have been sold. Thank you to all those that made purchases. Profits from the calendar sales support your Utah State Chapter’s operating expenses. They do have 43 pocket calendars still available which they are willing to sell at two for $5. Contact Fran at 801-942-5415.

● Click here for P.E.O. International
● Click here for Utah P.E.O. Sisterhood
● Click here for Next Generation of Utah P.E.O.
Utah P.E.O. Calendar

Check out the Utah P.E.O. Google calendar [click here]. View it in Week, Month or Agenda style. Click on individual events for more details. You may copy a single event or the whole calendar to your personal Google calendar. Learn more about Google calendars [click here].

Scholarship Due Dates:

Ongoing
- Helen Abbott Fund Scholarship
- Carole S. Putnam Scholarship
- P.E.O. Project for Continuing Education (PCE)
- P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund (ELF)

Due January 31
- P.E.O. International Peace (IPS) Scholarship Final Application

Due February 1
- Gump & Ayers Scholarship

Due March 1
- Susan W. Coda Memorial Scholarship

Upcoming Events:

Articles are DUE for the February Issue of Sister to Sister News by January 20. Lead Editor Jackie Nicholl (Q) at peoutah.news@gmail.com.

Monday, January 15
- Deadline for State Bylaw Amendment Proposals

Thursday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. (Refreshments at 10 a.m.)
- Reciprocity - Salt Lake Area
- First Congregational Church, 2150 S. Foothill Blvd

Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
- Winter Workshop for Chapter Officers and Chapter Philanthropy Committees
- Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1626 S 1700 E, Salt Lake City

Saturday, February 28
- Dues are due on or before February 28

Saturday, March 8
- Founders’ Day Celebration - Top of Utah Reciprocity (TOUR) - Hosted by Chapter J
- TBA

Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m.
- Founders’ Day Celebration - Salt Lake Area Reciprocity - Hosted by Chapter V
- Salt Lake Country Club, 2400 Country Club Drive, Salt Lake City
Questions? Suggestions?
Please let the editors know if you have any questions or suggestions for future topics, events or articles. If you are submitting information about a chapter fundraiser, please indicate that you have approval from the state board to circularize. Newsletter dates and submission deadlines are found on the calendar at www.peoutah.org. The Utah State Board approves submitted content. You can reach the Utah P.E.O. Sister to Sister News editor at peoutah.news@gmail.com.