



The FORUM

★ Monthly Chapter Newsletter of the District ★

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LET'S FOLLOW THE
PATH OF STARS
WHO HAVE LED US



Dear Sisters of the Northeast District Chapter,

As I reflect over the past five years, I am amazed at how quickly the time has passed and how much has transpired in both the world and our Sisterhood.

Our "P.E.O. Path Forward" has not been easy during all of this, but we have proven how resilient we are as Sisters, and how important each and every one of us is to each other. As well, the important work that we do "Helping Women Reach for the Stars Through Education" has proven to be more important than ever. Well done Northeast District Chapter Sisters!

As I end this leg of my P.E.O. journey, I want to thank all of you for your loving support. I hope that you will think about your path forward and how you can serve the District and the Sisterhood. No matter the role that you take, you are a VIP. Your Membership counts!!

I am looking forward to celebrating all of your accomplishments with you at the 30th Convention in Nashua.

Thanks again, for supporting and joining with me, as "We Followed the Path of Stars Who Have Led Us."

Lovingly in P.E.O.,
Vi Lunderville
NEDC President
2021-2022



CHAPTER NEWS

K-ME/Ellsworth

Recently, sisters from Chapter K Maine gathered for lunch at Josie's Café in Ellsworth.

In a stellar example of inter-chapter cooperation, Chapter B in Bangor advised us of an exceptional high school student. So for the first time, we recommended a candidate for a Star scholarship.

Chapter K-Maine has started a fund in the P.E.O. Foundation. We hope to have it completely funded by 2023. The dividends will be used to help a local woman pay her educational expenses.

Emails from our scholarship recipients have buoyed our spirits and reminded us of the ways our fundraising efforts benefit so many. Perhaps Toyin Adekanmbi, the P.I.P. student that we and other chapters sponsor, said it best. "My objective is to pursue academic excellence and with all might and available resources; the sky should be my starting point. I am proud to be sponsored and associated with P.E.O Chapter K, Maine. My sincere appreciation goes to every member of the chapter and P.E.O at large."



K-NH/New London

Chapter K-NH installed its officers for the 2022-23 year. It's been two years of mostly virtual meetings with the

odd in-person meeting tossed in. At this meeting, there were 24 sisters attending with three utilizing the hybrid option we are making available. Everyone was so happy to see our sisters in person rather than in a box on a screen. Even the dreary, wet weather didn't crimp our style!

Jane Taylor



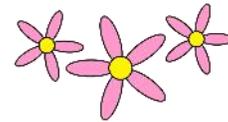
H-NH/Keene

Chapter H-NH recently elected and installed new officers for the 2022/2023 year. Our "Pandemic President", Marjorie Layman, faithfully led the chapter with her technology skills which assured that all sisters were able to attend business meetings and programs via Zoom or by telephone during the past two years. In addition to her role as chapter president, she assisted in preparing the Celebration of Life service for the 2021 virtual NEDC Convention and will be serving as a Teller at the upcoming convention. Chapter sisters expressed appreciation for Marjorie's service as chapter president.

Rachel Johnson, elected as chapter president for 2022/2023, writes that she has "... big shoes to fill! Here's to a new year in P.E.O. working, serving, and loving each other and those around us." The program theme is "Sisterly Survival", a theme that should elicit some interesting programs.

Chapter meetings are still held using the hybrid model, the chapter book group meets on Zoom, and sisters have gathered a few times for lunches out. Chapter sisters look forward to safe, in-person gatherings in the new program year.

Carol Austin



B-ME/Bangor

At our first meeting in March we were able to install our new president Kim Nagle and some of the officers that were in attendance. The March wind doth blow and, by doing so, propelled more sisters than we've seen recently, into the Bangor Shrine Hall for the second meeting, this month, on the 22nd, of Chapter B-Maine. Just getting inside, in one piece, had everyone smiling but, when we learned this could be a "cross country meeting," things got even better.

New president Kim Nagle conducted the meeting with 18 sisters attending, plus one guest, for this coast-to-coast gathering when she introduced us to Gigi Del Mundo of Chapter BX-Oregon from (where else?) Portland! And it didn't take anyone long to know, just by looking at her, that she is the daughter of our current treasurer, past president, and NEDC board member, Lola Orcutt. They are quite the tandem, and P.E.O. is lucky to have them.



Our chapter is busily working on several fronts on the possibility of upcoming scholarship applications, and happily continuing those currently in progress. We've also responded to P.E.O.'s request for conducting fundraisers, Kim told us, by indicating how very, very well we do, annually, on our November auction. We are hopeful we will see even more sisters, in person, as Covid declines in our area, and hope that the decision to meet year-round, meaning some months we will meet only once, will also enable us to see sisters we've been missing lately.

Joni White

C-RI/North Kingstown

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR A SPECIAL P.E.O.
BETTY DANA – CHAPTER C-RI



Since a blizzard cancelled our original plans for a surprise car parade on Betty Dana's birthday, members of Chapter C-RI gathered on a milder Saturday in March to surprise her for her 90th birthday. Each car was decorated with homemade stars, giant daisies, and balloons. After the festive procession, we enjoyed cake as Betty shared her basket of cards and proudly wore her birthday hat with a price tag of \$90!

Betty is pictured below with Past District President Mary Beth Smith from D-RI. Tricia Driscoll, our current NEDC Treasurer and C-RI member is pictured along with Kathy Vigness Raposa and Joyce Tomecko as they decorate one of the 10 cars in the parade.

Betty has been a valued member of our chapter since its inception 44 years ago.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, BETTY!



**CHECK OUT THE NEW
ITEM IN THE
NEDC
FUNDRAISING
MARKETPLACE ! !**

We are NEDC!!!



*" We are many parts, we are all one body,
And the gifts we have we are given to share.
May the Spirit of Love, make us one indeed.
One, the love that we share; one, our hopes....."*
(Church hymn)



We all are one. The Executive Board can't do everything alone. We work with NED Committees! Being on a committee is: exciting, rewarding, you make new friends, and you learn more about how your NEDC works.

Please show your sisterly love! Please share your gift! We can't do it alone!

NED Committee Openings:

Nominating : sister rep from RI and VT needed

Finance: sister rep from ME and VT needed

Maine: sister rep from ME needed.

Daisy Hugs and Daisy thanks!

Susan Holak, NEDC Vice President, C- NH

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ATTENTION CONVENTION DELEGATES



WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU WILL BE JOINING US FOR THE 30TH CONVENTION OF THE NEDC

HERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **PLEASE BE SURE TO PROUDLY WEAR YOUR PIN**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING SEVEN (7) HARD COPIES OF YOUR 2022-2023 YEAR-BOOK WITH YOU FOR THE 5 NEDC OFFICERS, FORUM EDITOR AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, CHAIR. THIS ALSO HELPS YOUR CHAPTER THE EXPENSE OF HAVING TO MAIL THEM TO THESE INDIVIDUALS.**
- **PLEASE ARRIVE IN TIME TO REGISTER EARLY (OPENS AT 8:00 AM) AND BE READY TO ATTEND THE DELEGATE ORIENTATION ON SATURDAY, BEGINNING AT 10:45 AM.**
- **PLEASE ATTEND THE WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY, BEGINNING AT 12:30 PM.**

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!!!!!!

Cottey College 2-minute Talk

Let's imagine a likely scenario that you or your sisters may find themselves in: You are at a family get-together and while catching up you find out that your niece or granddaughter is looking at colleges. You want to mention Cottey College as a wonderful option that she should consider, but hesitate because you are not sure about all the facts.

Sisters, it's time for us to brush up our "2-minute Cottey talk"! By mentioning a few things and where to find more information, you may ignite her interest in Cottey College!

Did you know that there are 13 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 5 associate degrees offered at Cottey College? Bachelor of Arts degrees are available in the following majors: Business Administration-Management, Criminology, Education, English, Environmental Studies, International Business, International Relations, Liberal Arts, Organizational Leadership, Psychology, or Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. In addition, there are Bachelor of Science degrees available in Biology, Criminology, Education, or Health and Biomedical Sciences. Especially interesting to me is the fact that Cottey's Health and Biomedical Science Major is designed to prepare students for a variety of post-baccalaureate degrees, such as an M.D. or a Pharm.D., however graduates of Cottey's bachelor's degree programs are well-prepared to enter the world of work as well as advanced study in graduate or law school.

A Cottey education emphasizes high academic standards with unique opportunities for personal growth through residential, cultural, and intellectual experiences. Since 1884, the College has offered young women the opportunity to learn and grow into leaders, role models, and confident individuals. Cottey believes there's a leader in everyone; the key is understanding the kind of leader you are and that is something students will discover there. Also, with a student-teacher ratio of 6:1, you know you will be embraced into a community. Take your perspective student on Cottey's virtual tour, <https://app.adoraexperiences.com/cottey-college/>, and see what they think!

There is much more information located at <https://cottey.edu/>. **Check it out!** In addition, please use us – the NEDC Cottey Committee – as a resource! We love to answer questions about Cottey College. We have opportunities, such as the NEDC Scholarship and the Travel Fund, available to perspective students from the NEDC. Please reach out to us – we are excited to talk to you, your chapters, or any young women who are interested in Cottey College!

LIPEO ~ Karrie Lahue
P.E.O. Chapter F – VT
NEDC Cottey Committee Member
Karolyn.godburn@med.uvm.edu



FUNDRAISING **NEDC** MARKETPLACE

	<p>P.E.O. Daisy Notecards 2 designs (8 cards total) \$15 includes shipping</p> <p>Chapter G – RI Contact: Carolyn Fredrickson carfred@verizon.net 508-339-5671</p>	
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Material - Cotton



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Handmade by a BIL

**\$20 each plus
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All right, sisters – are you ready for hugs? I know I am! Pre-order your shirt by emailing me with your shirt size at lauracf.peo@gmail.com and pick it up at convention to show that you've got open arms!

If you won't make it to convention this year and you would like a shirt, please ask one of your chapter sisters who will be there to pick up your shirt at convention.

The wholesale price for this shirt is \$11, and any funds you choose to include over that amount will go to the Projects. You may not want to wear it everywhere (except chapter meetings!), but every time you use it for a work shirt or a sleeping shirt you can feel embraced by your P.E.O. sisters.

With love (and hugs), Laura C.F., F-VT,
your freshest PDP!

FUNDRAISING MARKETPLACE GUIDELINES

1. Ads are limited to those for fundraising projects for P.E.O. or for items and services directly relating to the organization, which are not available elsewhere. No more than 3 pictures per ad. Ads are available to members only.
2. Each ad must include chapter identification. Payment for items shall be made to the advertising chapter, not to an individual.
3. No commercial website addresses are to be included in any Fundraising Marketplace advertising copy. The advertising copy may contain the chapter website address. The website may not contain any items with the P.E.O. emblem (unless granted permission by the Executive Board per IOLC), political or religious items that the chapter has not purchased outright.

~ NEW FUNDRAISING MARKETPLACE ITEM ~

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*They are created with nine layers of
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