



The FORUM

★ Monthly Chapter Newsletter of the District ★

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Winter greetings, NED sisters!

We are amid Winter here in the NED Chapters. It's a time for snowflakes, icicles, hot chocolate, skiing, ice skating, watching football games, sitting by a warm fire, reading a good book and

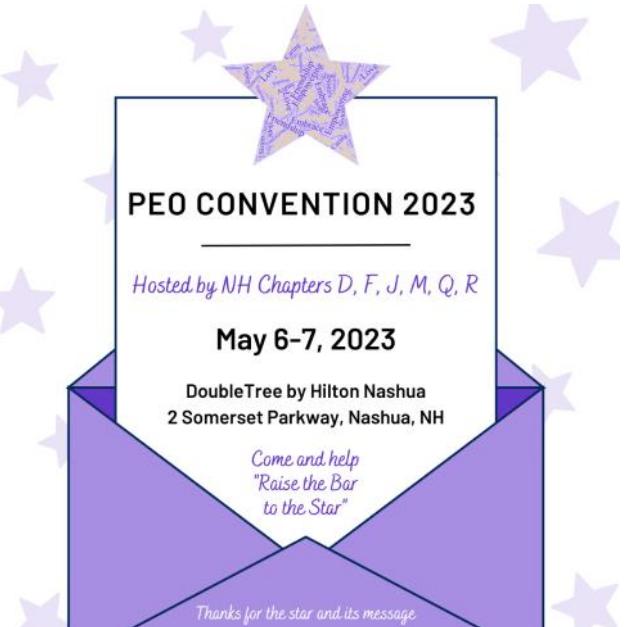
It's also a busy season for us in NED. Plans are in full swing for the upcoming NED Convention 2023 on May 6 & 7 at the Doubletree Hilton in Nashua, NH. Your hostess chapters and Convention chairs are planning to keep things 'simple and fun'!

Here's a sneak peek at the Friday night event at the NED Convention 2023:

This event will take on a 'speakeasy'/'club' atmosphere! You will need to knock on the door and give the password to enter!

We are looking forward to having you join us at NED Convention 2023!

Chapter Presidents are busy writing their President's letters. Chapter Treasurers and Corresponding Secretaries are attending online trainings from International on how to file electronic reports this year. You could probably add more about winter happenings in your chapters! Please think about submitting a picture and an article to the Forum. This is your Forum. Share your good news with your NED sisters!



Keeping you 'in the know': NED and P.E.O. International:

* For the P.E.O. International website and the NED District website: All passwords will have the current year added to the end. For example, the new password for members will be formatted like this, with the original password filling in the blanks: _____2023. If you need help getting on either website, reach out to your Board Buddy!

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- * Presidents Your annual President's Letter must be read, and chapter approved at your February chapter meeting. Please be sure to send me a copy either by snail mail or electronically.
- * Annual Reports will not be mailed from International in January 2023. Beginning this year, the annual report process will be electronic, beginning with your treasurer on March 1.
- * Happy Anniversary PCE ~ Celebrate 50 years of Brighter Tomorrows! Fifty special \$5,000 awards will be given in 2023. Recommend your applicant and Inspire Brilliance in women!
- * Early Registration opens Tuesday, January 17, for Cottey Vacation College 2023 (May 17-22, 2023). Visit Cottey.edu/peo/grow for a complete schedule.
- *Did you know that P.E.O. International has a Blog? One topic you might want to read: *Our Founders Missing Emblems*. Here is the link to the P.E.O. International Blog:
<https://members.peointernational.org/blog>
- *Save the date: P.E.O. International Convention -September 21-23, 2023, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

********Most Importantly: Know that Every NED Sister is a V.I.P. – Very Important P.E.O.!***

Think about trying some of these fun ideas with your sisters!

It is football time! Host a football party. Everyone brings a snack to share and their own drink. Cheer for your team. Include family members, unaffiliates, inactives and guests.

Stargaze on a dark winter night. Invite non-participating members, family, friends, inactives, neighbors, and more! Ask one sister or guest to be the “constellation expert” and see how many constellations you all can identify.

Pick a fun winter read and make plans to discuss it with as many sisters, friends, and family that are interested. This can be done virtually or a hybrid of in-person and virtual so everyone can be included! Sip a mug of hot chocolate while you discuss your winter read. (Bonus: if your chapter has a book club, they can select the book and lead the discussion!)

Get out your fuzzy winter slippers and wear them to your chapter meeting. Have fun and take lots of pictures to post on the NED Facebook page or in the Forum.

February 4th is National Homemade Soup Day. Mix up a pot of your favorite tummy warming soup and bring it to a social event where everyone is invited (nonparticipating sisters, inactive sisters, friends, and family). Make small cups available to all in attendance to taste samples of each homemade soup. If you’re a competitive group make it a contest and vote for a winner!

Mail valentine cards to your nonparticipating and inactive sisters. Don’t forget those sisters who might live far away or who are attending college in another area.

Thank you to all my NED sisters for your loving service to your chapters, your NED and our Sisterhood!

*Lovingly in P.E.O.,
Susan Holak, NED President*

Chapter News

A-RI/Providence

The new year began for A-RI with a fun-filled meet and greet on January 12th at the home of president Cathy Turner. Her beautiful home was decorated in gold, silver and sparkling ornaments. It was a festive atmosphere in which to introduce two women to our group in hopes that they may become sisters and to welcome a sister who is looking to transfer.



The informal format had us sitting in a circle so we could easily see and hear each other tell a bit about ourselves and how we became P.E.O.'s. Each time we do this, I learn more about my sisters and I am so happy to be with them. It is a time to learn about the projects and fund raising too. I imagine our guests feel the same way. As one gives, so one receives. We heard the invited ladies

share their stories and they learned about us. What a joy it was to meet them.

It was Linda Lussier, PDP, who wove all the talks together for me. I wonder if my sisters felt that way? I will ask them. Linda reminded us that once chapter A was formed and growing, and each time a new chapter began, B, C, D, E and F, a few sisters from A would transfer into the new chapter. They were 'yeast' enriching the bread to make something delicious and nourishing. It was then I realized again, how generous, talented, and hard working my sisters are and have always been. What a wonderful way to start the year and to begin our celebration of being Rhode Island Chapter A, seventy years and going strong.

Margaret Mathias



B-ME/ Bangor

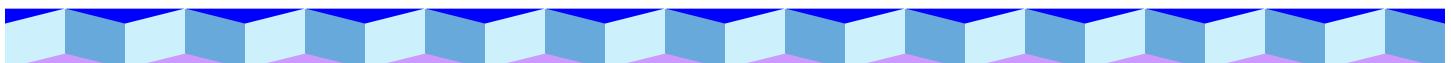
Question: Have you ever eaten something really, really, old and discovered, perhaps much to your surprise, that it was absolutely delicious?



Probably not. But that was exactly the experience for 16 sisters of Chapter B Bangor during the coffee hour preceding our January 9th meeting at the Shrine Hall in Bangor, thanks to the special effort of hostess Calista Hannigan. Since we were celebrating Founders Day, Calista took it upon herself and decided to become really creative by providing us with an edible “taste of the past” in the form of cookies and other goodies made from recipes she researched that were made in the 1800s. Needless to say, Calista did it beautifully, with kudos and smiles all around, as her “old treats” were enjoyed by everyone, along with the beverages supplied by co-hostess Lola Orcutt. Also at this meeting, Stephanie Cartwright provided us a brief history of the International Peace Scholarship Fund, in which we are active participants, and Maddy Clough had us put on our thinking caps by coming up with answers to questions about things we might remember from our past.

We were also brought up-to-date on the status of our three local scholarships which we give in memory of members now in Chapter Eternal, and learned that we are also doing very well in that effort. Next month we look forward to appearing in a variety of shades of red in recognition of Valentine's Day.

Joni White



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO
Chapter A-VT
Burlington
on FEBRUARY 26**

Lovingly in P.E.O., Jeanine Hoyenski NEDC Secretary



D-NH/ Hampstead

Officers were installed at our March meeting with Susan Holak in attendance. (Photo #1) In June we participated in the Atkinson town craft fair by selling our finely crafted baked goods! (Photo #2 with Ann Evangelist).



Photo 1



Photo 2

Kathie Dayotis (a longtime and well respected principal of Atkinson Academy) was finally officially installed as a member of Chapter D in June. Also at that meeting was one of our Betty-Anne Adams scholarship winners Maria Heim...and Susan Holak joined us again. Maria gave us a



Photo 4

wonderful overview of her first year at Northwestern. (Photo #4 with Susan and Maria in front center).



Photo 5

In September Kathie Dayotis volunteered her driveway and all proceeds as a fundraiser yard sale for our chapter. It was a perfect fall day! (Photo #5 - Pam Guischard and Kathie).

Chapter D was responsible for the October Reciprocity meeting. It was held virtually which gave us the perfect opportunity to invite our IPS sponsored student, Khongi Bat-Ireedui, to be our speaker. Khongi is now a very successful member of society in her home city in Mongolia. She truly epitomizes the goal of the IPS to bring back her education to improve her home country.

Our Christmas party was held at the home of Pam Guischard. In attendance was our fall 2022 B.A. Adams scholarship recipient and her grandmother!

Susan Carter

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO FILL OUT THE SISTER SURVEY!! THE LINK IS ON THE EMAIL THAT THE NEWSLETTER IS LINKED TO!

P-NH/ Wolfeboro

Like all P.E.O. chapters, we have been celebrating our ability to meet in person again since September 2022. We zoomed for 2020, 2021 and most of 2022. Thank goodness for zoom.



We lost four sisters to Chapter Eternal during 2022. During summer 2022 small groups of sisters gathered at outdoor spaces to reconnect and enjoy some togetherness. It felt wonderful to do so.



Happily! Our chapter initiated four new sisters. We welcomed Beth Baldwin in November 2022. Candace Tordonato and Diane Levin were initiated in December 2022 and most recently in January 2023 Laura Connors became our newest sister. Each of them brings unique experiences and skills which provide much needed enthusiasm and excitement about the future for P.E.O.

Cindy Barnard

Tidbits from the Vice President

Hip! A reminder to complete the Celebration of Life form upon the passing of a sister. The information provided by International is sparse at best and we really want to honor our beloved sisters. Finding officers can be tough – consider job sharing! 3 or 4 people can serve as Recording Secretary for example as long as one person is named the District and International contact.

Hip! Filing annual reports is a “thing.” The treasurer, corresponding secretary and president should take an afternoon and do it together all in the same room. The Executive Board is looking for volunteers to serve on a variety of committees. Please consider service to the District!

Hooray! International has lifted the COVID restrictions for voice vote for elections as of February 1, 2023. Chapter Presidents should print out the new Appendix 12 from International.

Barbara Rainville, NED Vice President



WELCOME TO ALL NEW NED MEMBERS! It's 2023 and the NED Membership Committee and Organizer are so thrilled to welcome the many new sisters into our special district! It is our priority to share best practices to help members remain active. You will hear more about this at the 2023 NED Convention but until then enjoy these seven top tips for new members....

- 1: Check out the **New Member Resource page** on the P.E.O. International member and the New Member Fast Track virtual orientation. <https://members.peointernational.org/new-member-resources>
- 2: Refer to the **Marketing and Branding page** on the International portal. It includes a link to the Brand Resource Center with P.E.O. Zoom backgrounds and wallpaper for desktops and phones.
- 3: P.E.O. is a Philanthropic Educational Organization, and facts and as well as **project recipient stories** are part of our conversation skills! Need to brush up on these? The International portal has the latest stats for all to see. <https://members.peointernational.org/peo-projects>
- 4: A link to the **Interactive Chapter Map Tool** to reinforces the message of regardless of where life takes you, members always have their P.E.O. sisters. <https://members.peointernational.org/chapter-map-full-screen>
- 5: **Understanding how state, provincial and district (s/p/d) chapters support local chapters**, and how International Chapter offers added support to both local and s/p/d chapters is critical. Please reach out to your Membership Chair or Organizer for a review if needed! Ccyakola@gmail.com
- 6: **Leadership opportunities and committee involvement** are ready for you whenever you are. There are updated trainings and resources on the P.E.O. website. Remember as you give, so shall you receive.
- 7: **It starts with you!** P.E.O. grows when you extend an invitation to the Sisterhood to someone you know. The steps from invitation to initiation are easy and ready to be embraced!



Carrie Yakola, NED Organizer

WEBMASTER ASSISTANT NEEDED!

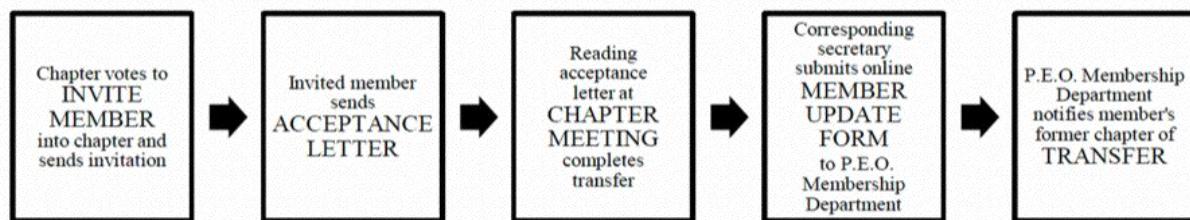
Are you the ONE! The NEDC needs an assistant webmaster. Some computer experience is desired. The NEDC website runs on WordPress. It's a fairly simple platform and they provide 24/7 support by either Live Chat or Email. It is always important to have more than one person to do the job! It's no different here in the Northeast District. By the way, our current webmaster, Ann Dederer, K-ME, PDP had no experience with websites prior to taking on the position. She has learned "on-the-go!" So can you! This is a great opportunity to learn something new! Please email Ann Dederer, at dederer.ann@gmail.com or call at 207-266-5563 and let her know if you are interested.

INVITING AN INACTIVE OR UNAFFILIATE TO AN UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT IS A GREAT WAY TO REACH OUT -- The NED Membership Committee has been overjoyed with how our chapters have connected with unaffiliates, inactives and new candidates this past year. February is no exception as it is perfectly fine to initiate new members this month. The only activity that our Constitution does not allow is transfers in February (unless transferring into a new or reorganized chapter). The flowchart below is a great reminder of the process and if you have additional questions, contact your Membership Chair or Membership Committee for more details! Thank you for keeping NED energized and growing!

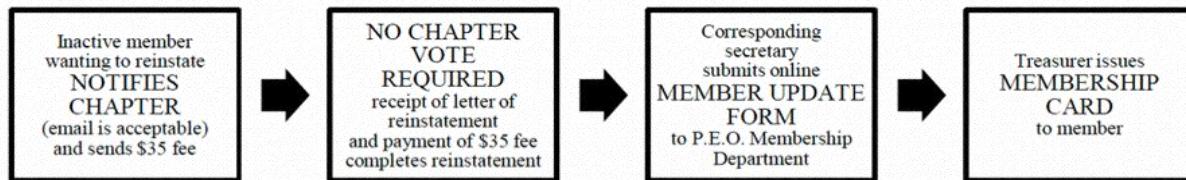
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TRANSFER AND REINSTATEMENT PROCESSES FLOWCHARTS

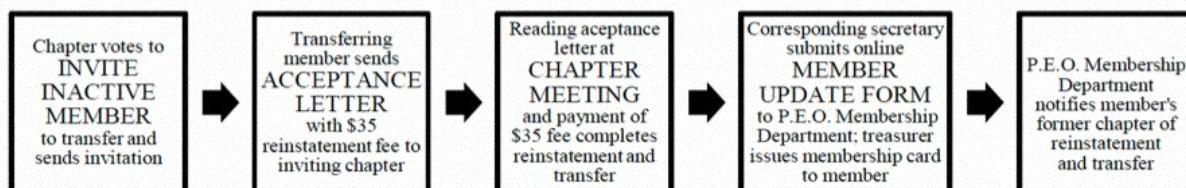
TRANSFER PROCESS



REINSTATEMENT PROCESS FOR INACTIVE MEMBER



REINSTATEMENT PROCESS FOR INACTIVE MEMBER TRANSFERRING TO NEW CHAPTER



Greetings S/P/D Chairs,

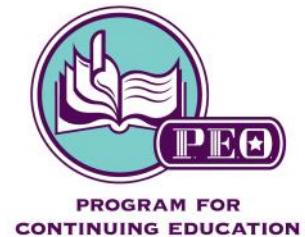
Happy New Year and happy 50th Anniversary to PCE. Thank you for all you do in yours/p/d to encourage and promote the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE). What a wonderful project to be a part of.

Attached is the January 2023 issue of the PCENews. This newsletter is sent to you and your adviser but also needs to be forwarded to all your local chapters. Please work with your adviser to make this newsletter available to each local chapter in your s/p/d. Consider also posting this informative quarterly newsletter on your s/p/d website as a resource for local chapters. The PCENews can also be found on <https://members.peointernational.org/peo-projects/program-continuing-education/chapter-resources-pce>

In this edition you will find a message from the PCE board of trustee chair, Debbie Dumler. There is a feature article about PCE recipient Shannon Budnick, a student studying to make a difference in the area of social work and human trafficking. Finally, there is an informative article on providing chapter education for the PCE grant process and avoiding common mistakes.

The 50th Anniversary celebration for PCE is in full swing and trustees have begun awarding special anniversary grants of \$5000 each. Applicants for this special award should be able to demonstrate significant financial need and upon completion of their educational program will show marketable financial improvement through job advancement. More information is available on the PCE portion of the International member website. Chapter and individual gifts of \$50 each have been suggested to help fund this special celebration. Spread the word about this one-time opportunity which will continue throughout 2023.

Thank you for all you do to help PCE thrive in your s/p/d. Local chapters count on you to answer questions they might have. Remember detailed information is available to you on the PCE section of the International member website. If further assistance is needed contact the PCE project supervisor, Kham Saengaroun.



***Funding Grants Today...for a Brighter
Tomorrow.***

Beverly Prewitt
PCE Board of Trustees

Submitted by *Tricia Driscoll, NED Treasurer*

2023 NH Spring Reciprocity Invitation

*Chapter E-NH cordially invites you to the 2023 NH Spring Reciprocity
Saturday, April 1st It is No April Fools!!*

South Church, 20 Church Street, Newport, NH 03770

9:30-10:30am

Coffee and Refreshments

Chapter Fundraising tables will be open

10:30-Business meeting followed by a luncheon

Vegetarian and Gluten-Free items will be available

Cost per person is \$20.00.

Checks made out to Chapter E-NH

Mail to: Vi Lunderville, 13 Snowshoe Hill Road, Claremont, NH 03743

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We look forward to you joining us!