



The FORUM

★ Monthly Chapter Newsletter of the District ★

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Greetings, my dear sisters,

As I write this, I see beautiful sunshine and hear winds gusting and howling about, and am reminded of this old saying: “*March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.*”

Busy and exciting times continue for us here in the Northeast District. I understand that we all have full plates. This is the time to remember to reach out and show each other kindness, loving concern and care! Please remember to express thanks to your sisters for all they do as volunteers.

Annual Reporting begins on March 1 and we are learning how to file these electronically this year. It is critical that all chapter presidents, treasurers, and corresponding secretaries watched the online training videos.

Chapter Officer Elections are upcoming. Thank you to all the Nominating Committees for finding sisters to serve as officers for the next year. (Reminder: please include your two delegates and alternates to NEDC Convention and delegate to International Convention, if eligible, on the ballot.

YES, chapters may continue to initiate and reinstate in February, just not extend, or accept transfers.

Your **President's** letters are exciting to read. I can feel your energy, your passion, your joy, and your loving care for P.E.O. in each of your letters. Thanks so much for sending them to me and to the NEDC Organizer, Carrie Yakola. *If you haven't had a chance to send your President's letter, please remember to do so. If possible, please convert your letters to PDF format for easy uploading.*

Thanks to all who were able to join us for the virtual ‘**NEDC State of the District**’ presentation. The link for this recorded event is now posted on the district website under the News and Events tab for watching. The district website: nedchapters.com

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A-RI/Providence

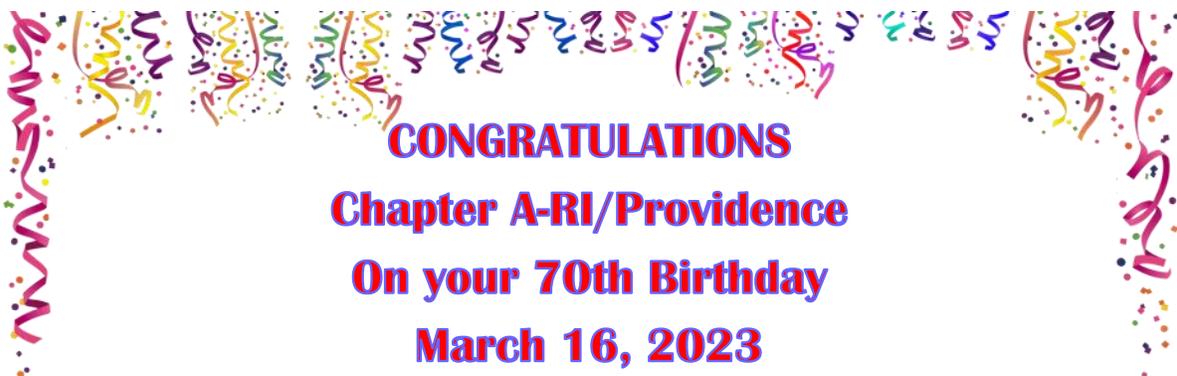
The greatest of these is love. That to me is the core and driving force of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Through our fellowship we have opportunities to show a loving concern for each other. This month, the month of Valentine and heart health, reminds us with heart shapes and the color red, of love in its many expressions.

In that spirit, Chapter A enjoyed an educational and fun-filled program by Betty Mason who gave a lovely program about Valentine's day. She reported on the history which has its roots from several sources. This special day came from historic saints and noblemen spanning centuries. Then she told us about today's most common gifts. They are chocolates and flowers. The best part of Betty's presentation for me, was her collection of Valentine cards which she passed around for our enjoyment. Some were made by children, others traveled many miles and most were from family and friends. Her program set the tone for the business meeting that followed. We were smiling, full of enthusiasm and ready to work. *Joy and love, that is the best part of our sisterhood.*



Left to Right: Nancy Collins, Betty Mason, and Anne Homer.

Margaret Mathias



H-NH/Keene

Meeting in person again, whispering the password to the Guard again, enjoying luscious treats again at the in-person meetings, interacting with sisters, enjoying a meeting's program "live" is all so refreshing now that P.E.O. International has rescinded Covid restrictions. The chapter will be electing and installing new officers and delegates at its March meeting, and the chapter will be represented at both the April NH Spring Reciprocity and the May NEDC Convention. The 2023/2024 program year theme is "Enlightenment" and we all plan to be enlightened!



Chapter H-NH's Book Group continues to meet and is currently reading *Marmee and Louisa* by Eva LaPlante. Small group monthly Lunch Bunch gatherings at an area restaurant continue to be enjoyable, and hostess treats at chapter meetings must give credence to what some may guess our P.E.O. letters stand for – "People Eating Out"!

Carol Austin



K-NH/New London

Chapter K-NH initiated a new Sister at its February meeting. We welcome Pat Brooks to the Sisterhood and know that she will be a wonderful addition to P.E.O. and Chapter K.



At the February meeting the sisters of Chapter K arrived a bit early to begin making decoupaged tiles. They were such a hit that another session is in the works to have some available to sell at the NH Reciprocity in April.



Jane Taylor

B-ME/Bangor

Chapter B had their monthly meeting on February 14th, Valentine's Day! The hostesses did an amazing job of creating a festive table of goodies!!



During the socialization portion of our meeting, our president, Kim Nagle, surprised us with a quartet—UpTempo “Go the Distance” singing some Valentine’s songs.

During the meeting the President's Letter was read and accepted by the 18 sisters present. The treasurer, Lola Orcutt, made a presentation of badges and pins to two of our new sisters.

The officers have planned a time to get together to submit our Annual Reports using the new online procedure. It is the first time that this method is being used—another first for P.E.O.!!!

Lola Orcutt



Tidbits from the Vice President . . .

~ New Officer Transition & Training - PLAN IT & DO IT!

~ Still time to complete the Sister Talent Survey - click [here](#) to access the survey.

~ The News & Events Section of the District website has the **State of the District** link and registering for convention links.

~ Need a reason to reach out to your inactives? Introduce your new chapter officers, let them know about upcoming socials, or simply celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

~ Need help with annual reports? Don't struggle - reach out to the Executive Board!

Barbara Rainville, NED Vice President

