ON THE OSC WEBSITE

*Important OSC Website Information*

The OSC website is brand new! We are very excited to share our updated Oregon website with you: www.peooregon.org. You will find it fresh and easy to navigate. Special thanks go to our website designer, Keri Taff, Keri Taff Graphics, Corvallis and to Joan Carson Martelli, Joan Carson Martelli Photography, Philomath. Joan has permitted her beautiful photographs to be used in the banners on the various pages with no expected royalties. Should you wish to contact either Keri or Joan, please contact OSC President Susan Leding; peospleding@gmail.com.

*Ad Hoc Website Committee*

OSC is seeking sisters knowledgeable with website maintenance. We could use your expertise! Please contact OSC President Susan Leding for more information; peospleding@gmail.com.

~ What’s New ~

OSC Newsletter, Education Newsletter and Membership: The Hot Spot

2018 Convention Registration Packet

April 2018
Area Workshops
(Southern, Eastern, Northeastern, Capitol, Portland)
Times & locations are found in Schedules on the website and in this newsletter

June 8-10, 2018
Oregon State Convention
Seven Feathers Casino Resort
Canyonville

“If every one of us chooses to do a little – serve in an office, hostess a meeting, give a program, chair a fundraising event—that is how we reach greater heights. And we need to keep extending beyond that reach-moving the stake out further and further-stepping out, leading forward.” Sue Baker, President, International Chapter

~ On the Horizon ~

2018 Convention of Oregon State Chapter

The 2018 Convention registration packet can be located on the Oregon State Chapter website under Communications/What’s New and Conventions/Oregon. Please read the entire packet before completing and submitting your convention registration. Send the completed registration form and payment payable to P.E.O. OSC Convention 2018 to Becky Wolfsturm: 1543 NW Spray Ct., Roseburg, OR 97471. Becky is happy to answer questions and may be reached at PEOBecky@gmail.com. The 2018 hostess chapters have been energetically working to present a fun-filled Oregon P.E.O. Convention and look forward to seeing you in Canyonville on June 8-10.

Circularization of Proposed Amendments

Chapter Presidents & Chapter techs received the proposed amendments by email to Part III of the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Constitution of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and to the Procedure for P.E.O. Chapter Meeting on January 24, 2018. Included in the email was an instruction letter, the proposed amendments and the Report of Vote Form. The chapter is required to discuss and vote on the proposed amendments. The results recorded on the Report of Vote Form should be mailed or emailed to OSC President Susan Leding, 30894 Bellfountain Rd., Corvallis, OR 97333; peospleding@gmail.com by the April 1, 2018 deadline. Thank you to those chapters who have already responded.

Officer Transition

Officer transition is critical in your chapter leadership to ensure a successful year. Following election of officers, the president calls a meeting of the officers for instruction in their duties. It is imperative that outgoing and incoming officers participate in this meeting to ensure a smooth transition. An updated Outline of Yearly Meeting for Local Chapter Officers has been issued by Sue Baker, International President and is attached to this newsletter mailing. It is also available on the International website and on the OSC website: Resource Library/Local Chapter Officers/President.

Annual Reports

Corresponding Secretaries please remember to send your chapter membership report to Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Organizer. Please do not send the reports to Joyce Auenson with the label issued in the annual report mailing. Joyce resigned from her office in January. Marilyn may be reached by calling: h-503-692-4393, c- 503-780-5393. Her address is: 10350 SW Gardner Ct. Tualatin, OR 97062.
Yearbooks:
Please mail your yearbooks to Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Organizer, 10350 SW Gardner Ct. Tualatin, OR 97062.
2 copies should be mailed once they are issued. This is a new procedure. DO NOT mail them to Susan Leding, President.

Chapter Bylaws: Mail your chapter Bylaws & Standing rules to Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Organizer. If there are no changes, please write No Change on the front page; 10350 SW Gardner Ct. Tualatin, OR 97062.

President’s Letters:
Year-end President’s letters should be mailed by March 1 to Susan Leding, President, 30894 Bellfountain Rd., Corvallis, OR 97333 or peospleding@gmail.com. Please submit as soon as the letter has been read at your chapter meeting. Thank you to those chapter presidents who have mailed their letters.

Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee
Oregon began with the organization of Chapter A, Portland, on August 12, 1905 and just 4 days later Chapter B was organized in Elgin. This simple fact fascinated me but I could not find very much else about it since B was disbanded in 1915 and there is no history written, most of the members transferred to Chapter I/La Grande. How did these 2 very different and distant areas of the state communicate and form so close in time but so distant in miles? I’m still looking for that answer. How about your chapter? What is your history? Is there some event or highlight that you would like to share? If so, send to the Sesquicentennial Celebration committee c/o Kathi Yenney; yenney@pocketinet.com.

Convention of International Chapter (CIC) 2021 - Getting Ready!
One of the early tasks that needs to be done in preparation for CIC 2021 in Portland is booking talent for the Saturday night gala evening. We are looking for a performance that reflects Oregon. Do you have a performer or group to suggest? Better yet, do you have a personal contact that would help us get an affordable contract? There will also be opportunities to showcase some of our talented sisters in performances during convention. We would love to hear your suggestions. Please contact Molly Stafford: c- 541-968-6456, h- 541-344-6342; molly@staffordaia.com or Dianne Price, c-503-780-3825, h-503-885-2517; pricedi@comcast.net.

Treasurer’s Notes
from Treasurer Bunny Lewis
Thank you for your willingness to serve as your chapter’s treasurer. Whether you are a new or returning chapter treasurer, there are a variety of reference materials to assist you with all aspects of your office. They are posted on the International website or our BRAND NEW Oregon state website. Save these documents to your desktop for easy access or create a notebook to hold hard copies of those documents you feel you will refer to most often. The answers to most questions can be found in these documents.

Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of the P.E.O. Sisterhood
- You should have your own copy of the most recent version, currently a lavender with a reprint date of 2017
- Part III deals with the Local Chapter, and Section 6 (page 43) is most helpful to your office; it spells out your responsibilities very clearly
- Use the index in the back to assist in finding the information you are seeking
Instructions to Officers of Local Chapters (IOLC)

- Printed to the International website (Resource Library/Local Chapter Members/Manuals and Handbooks)
- Print the Treasurer section (6 pages) to have on hand for quick reference; this is a very clear description of your duties
- These are updated after every Convention of International Chapter; the most recent version was updated in January 2018 and should be the one you are using

Chronological List of Duties

- Printed to the Oregon website (Chapter Resources/Local Chapter Officers/Treasurer)
- Most current version is 02/25/2018
- Reference is especially helpful during Annual Report time

Treasurer Training Modules

- Treasurer: Money Matters and Treasurer: Instructions for Annual Reports
- Printed to the International website (Resource Library/Local Chapter Officers/Local Officer Training and under Treasurer also)
- The scripts can be printed for easy reference

And finally, ask the help of your predecessor or other chapter members who have held the job recently. Don’t forget your OSC Treasurer is only a phone call or an email away.

Education Notes

from Vice President Sonia Lamoreaux

This is the time in our P.E.O. year when our chapters are in the midst of assisting their scholarship candidates in completing their scholarship applications for our Oregon Charitable Trust Marguerite, Oregon and Cotey College scholarships. Congratulations to the many chapters that have completed and submitted their scholarship applications packets. The Scholarship Committee appreciates these early submissions. The Marguerite Scholarship and the Cotey College Scholarship applications must be postmarked by March 1st.

Best wishes to chapters that are completing their Oregon Scholarship applications. These are due April 1st, however, early submission is greatly appreciated by the Scholarship Committee. Inquiries should be directed to: Sonia Lamoreaux, Vice President at peosonia@BendBroadband.com. The mailing address is: PMB 8295, POB 8000, Black Butte Ranch, Oregon 97759.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the 2017-2018 Scholarship Committee for their devoted work in reviewing the scholarship applications in March, April, and May: Carol Mitchell, Chapter AQ, Diane Mount, Chapter EN, and Susan Sandberg, Chapter FS. Each of these sisters have been devoted to promoting scholarships for deserving women over many years.

Lastly, throughout the year, chapters have a unique opportunity to give a “Named Scholarship” in memory of or in honor of a member of their chapter, or an Oregon P.E.O. What better way to honor a sister in your chapter who has passed on to Chapter Eternal, or has become a 50-year Golden Girl, or a sister who has gone over and beyond in contributing to chapter life. A portion of a chapter’s yearly donations to our projects could be set aside for this. A request form is available on our Oregon website under Resource Library/Local Chapter Officers/Treasurer.

Thank you to each chapter that has been working these past months to put forth their best qualified women for our International and Oregon scholarships. It has been my joy to work with you and to share in the excitement of giving these women an opportunity to realize their life’s dreams.
Membership Notes
from Organizer Marilyn Staples-Sundt

Officer Transition Meetings
The “old” P.E.O. year has ended and the “new” one just begun. Is your chapter holding an Officer Transition Meeting this month? Regardless of whether officers are repeating or not, bringing the Chapter Leadership Team together in March or early April to reflect on the year just completed and set goals for the coming year is one of the most important traits of a chapter seeking to remain strong and healthy. If this isn’t something your chapter already does, TRY IT! And guess what, it will be a wonderful “Something New” to celebrate at convention.

Try Something New
Are you still searching for a “new” idea to bring some extra vitality into your chapter? Here are a few ideas other chapters have shared:

- Chapter AO Portland’s recording secretary offered to write a monthly newsletter following each meeting. Not only does it include the important items of business, but it is personable, includes a bit of humor and keeps those sisters who couldn’t come to the meeting in touch with what is happening.
- Chapter I La Grande has begun a “Cottee Cash” jar. This canister is available at each meeting to receive the attendees’ loose change. When enough money is built up, a contribution will be made to Cottee College for student welfare.
- All Chapter AP Milton-Freewater members have a chance to contribute to their Bed and Breakfast project by circulating a simple breakfast foods list and hosting items for members to sign-up and bring to the B&B hostess. Everyone participates.
- Several chapters, including Chapter AP and Chapter DD Sweet Home, have compiled a list of sponsored project recipients over many years to inspire not only their chapter members but others in their communities to contribute to their fundraising efforts for our projects.
- Several chapters have mentioned combining their Social, Membership, and Education Committee efforts to plan a Summer Social that includes members, project recipients, BILs and guests. What a wonderful way to celebrate everything that is at the “heart” of our organization.

Your chapter delegate will write your “Something New” on a ribbon and attach it to her nametag at convention. Plan to celebrate your chapter’s accomplishments and get ideas from others. As your chapter chooses your “Something New”, send an email to peomarilyn@gmail.com and share ahead of time. It just might be featured in our May newsletter for other chapters to consider. Here’s to Chapter Vitality!

Spring Area Workshop Dates and Locations
Your Oregon State Board members and Oregon State Membership and Education Committee members are gearing up for the spring Area Workshops. This year the format will be somewhat different. There will be three specific sessions during each Area Workshop. Round table discussions will be held during the first and third session for those attendees who are not involved in an officer training workshop. For the second session, all attendees will be asked to attend either the Membership or Education Workshop. Since these two areas are the “heart” of our organization, we want to reach as many members as we can. Though there are not sessions specifically for the guard or chaplain, these members of your chapter leadership team are encouraged to attend. There is much to learn from each other during the round table discussion sessions.

Friday, April 6, 2018, 12:30-4:00 pm: Northeastern Oregon (Chapters AP, BJ, CM, CV, DR, EM, and EV)
Peace Lutheran Church
210 NW 9th Street
Pendleton, OR 97801

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Eastern Oregon (Chapters I, K, R, AF, AX, CJ, CO, DK, EB)
Baker City Christian Church
675 Hwy. 7
Baker City, OR 97814

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9:00 am-12:30 pm: Southern Oregon (Chapters U, AA, AC, AG, AU, BE, BN, CD, CF, CG, CP, DC, EE, EH, EQ, FC, FF, FO, GD)
Medford United Church of Christ
A specific schedule for each Area Workshop can be found on our new website under “Schedules.” We hope to see each chapter’s leadership team, Membership Committee, and Education Committee. Remember that Area Workshops are open to all officers of local chapters, and you are always welcome to attend in an “Off” year. If you are unable to attend the workshop in your area but would like to attend a different workshop, you are also welcome. Just send an email to Organizer Marilyn Staples-Sundt, peomarilyn@gmail.com, to let her know.

**Chapters Having Fun**
For the past several years, we have had a photo display of chapters having fun together. We’d like to continue this well-enjoyed tradition. Please bring a photo of your chapter together. Perhaps it is a fundraiser, perhaps a special program, enjoying a meal, “trying something new” or just plain having fun. This year, because display space is less than in the past, please bring only one photo, no larger than 5 x 7 inches. We know all your chapters have lots of things that are fun, but please...just bring one photo. Identify your chapter either by writing on the bottom front in permanent pen or by affixing an address label. Just don’t cover your members’ faces! **We look forward to carrying on this tradition!**