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Living Our Objects & Aims

As we begin each meeting, our president leads us to "recite the objects and aims." I remember the awe I felt when I first heard the words of our O&A. But now, after reciting them for nearly 30 years, I sometimes speak the words while my thoughts are miles away. I have every word memorized. I know them by heart...or do I? Poet John Hollander said that knowing "a passage truly 'by heart' implies getting it by mind and memory and understanding and delight."

In the TEXAN this year, the TSC officers will break apart the phrases in our O&A to help us fully understand exactly what we are reciting. As an introduction: the O&A begins, "The objects and aims of this sisterhood shall be **general improvement...**" and then expands on specific activities each member is to do. To truly live our O&A is to be **intentional** about bettering ourselves, to make progress. It's a call to action!

Check back monthly for more insights, so that every time we recite these beautiful words, we can find delight in their meaning.

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President's Message

What a wonderful gathering of smiling faces as delegates and visitors shared their "Bold Dreams and Boundless Love" with each other during the 2015 Convention of Texas State Chapter. Thank you to all of the delegates who so willingly went out and shared all of the good news and wonderful education they received in those three days. And thank you to all of the hostess chapters in the Houston area and to Linda Miller, chairman; Cindy Wylie, co-chairman; Susan Bolling, Treasurer; and Anne Mrok-Smith, Secretary, for a job well done.

I am so honored and humbled to serve as your president. The theme for this year is **Working Together to Spread the Word**, which I feel is vital to the strength of our Sisterhood. Please read more about this in my acceptance remarks posted on the Texas website under the Events tab.

During this next year, I would like your chapter to focus on the three challenges set forth at convention:

Challenge #1 The Stem

Submit Applications for Project Recipients

Challenge #2 Add a Bloom

Sponsor a Successful Project Candidate

Challenge #3 Gather a Kaleidoscope of Butterflies

Positive Membership Growth

Please email me each and every time your chapter submits a name for any one of our six International or two state projects. Also, share your stories and photos to be posted on our website. We all need to be working together and sharing the great ideas that are making our Texas chapters so successful. So please, go forth and Spread the Word!

Karen Brooks



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2015 Convention Highlights

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Wasn't Convention great this year? Convention is that booster, which helps to revitalize us as sisters, and so much information is received! The Membership Committee would like to remind you to verify the chapter lists your delegate received at Convention, by June 15th. Texas is leading the way on this effort, please do your part and thank you in advance!

- ★ Verify all membership information is correct.
- ★ Fill in the blanks, as many sisters do not have phone numbers and/or email addresses reported.
- ★ Many chapters have inactive sisters. Please contact these sisters by phone, email or the postal service to verify their information is correct.

Why are we doing this?

- ★ We cannot make contact with sisters if we do not have correct information.
- ★ Inactive sisters are a large portion of our sisterhood. Some of these sisters might reconnect with P.E.O. if someone would reach out to them.
- ★ International delegates will be making calls from International Convention to invite unaffiliated sisters to a local chapter in their area. We want to avoid those “beep, beep, beep, this is no longer a working number. Hang up and dial again” messages.
- ★ The recent Phone Every One campaign helped reconnect many sisters, but we can do better.

As a final step, please notify Nancy Easterly, outgoing Membership Committee Chairman, nj.easterly@nsyt.com by June 15th that your chapter information is complete and up-to-date. Address any questions you have on this effort to Nancy.



TSC Cottey College Travel Fund Changes!

The TSC Cottey College Travel Fund has been a great success, thanks to donations received from chapters and individuals, and to the many chapters sponsoring students to visit Cottey! Due to your generosity, two changes were announced at the 2015 Convention of Texas State Chapter:

1. Chapters may Sponsor **TWO** Students Per Year!
2. Prospective Students may Receive Reimbursement of **Up to \$400** to Visit Cottey.

For more information on the TSC Cottey College Travel Fund and how your chapter can sponsor a prospective student's visit to Cottey, please visit the Texas website or contact the TSC Cottey College chairman at: mikel.e.jones@gmail.com

Mikel Jones, TSC Chairman, Cottey College Committee



It's important to "C" Cottey, as roughly 80% of prospective students who visit Cottey enroll!

Working Together... to Start a New Chapter!



The Organization of
Chapter JK, Georgetown
Will be celebrated on June 6, 2015

Love Gifts to our newest P.E.O. Texas star may be sent to:
Sandy Carey
402 Dawson Trail
Georgetown, TX 78633

Say What ?!

We Do Not Need to Mail Yearbooks to State Officers?

Following the recent approval by the voting members of Convention 2015, all 2015-2016 local chapter yearbooks **MUST** be **UPLOADED** to the Texas state website instead of mailing ten copies, as has been required in the past.

All of the requirements for yearbook contents and instructions for uploading PDF or Microsoft Word documents are found on the website at www.peotexas.org Login > locate "Chapter Tools" in the reference bar > click on "Programs and Yearbook." This page contains the Yearbook Requirements, as well as helpful formatting resources and the new Yearbook Upload Link. Please note the 50 MB file size limit.

The deadline for uploading your chapter yearbook is **OCTOBER 1, 2015**. Printed copies are still allowed for distribution to chapter members, councils, and please save one to bring to Convention 2016 for display in the Exhibits room.



Pocket Change for Projects Gathers \$330.43

During the 2015 Convention in Houston, everyone was asked to check the pockets and the dark corners of their handbags for loose change. The small envelopes provided were collected as convention came to a close on May 2nd.

The TSC Treasurer is excited to announce that TCCSF will receive the \$330.43 in special honor of its 75th Anniversary.



P.E.O. Scholar Awards Announce 2015-2016 Scholars



At the 1991 Convention of International Chapter, P.E.O. Scholar Awards became the fifth project of our sisterhood. Over 1,900 women have received awards totaling more than \$18,800,00. From 631 women nominated by local P.E.O. chapters, ninety have been selected as Scholars for the 2015-2016 academic year. The state of Texas will add eight new recipients to this list of accomplished women and each scholar will receive an award of \$15,000.00. They are:

P.E.O. Scholar:	Nominated by:	Studying at:
Courtney Follit	Chapter CQ, Dallas	Southern Methodist University
Erin Josserand	Chapter BN, Houston	University of Texas Medical School
Heidi Culver	Chapter R, Austin	University of Texas at Austin
Katherine Dennis	Chapter FT, Conroe	Texas A & M University
Sarena Horava	Chapter CR, Austin	University of Texas at Austin
Sydney Boyd	Chapter GE, Missouri City	Rice University
Tara Scarborough	Chapter FJ, Lubbock	Texas Tech University
Andrea DiPaola	Chapter EP, Houston	Studying outside of Texas



A total of 9 P.E.O. Scholars will be Studying in Texas, including:

Carrie Andersen	Chapter KF, IL	University of Texas at Austin
Chinwe Oriji	Chapter AM, NJ	University of Texas at Austin

Please give them a warm Texas P.E.O. welcome and stay connected with them during this upcoming academic year. A picture of each scholar, along with a short biography will be posted on the International website later this summer. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

Jill Tatum TSC Chairman, P.E.O. Scholar Awards

PEO STAR Scholarships Announced



- 1909 recommendations for the 2015-2016 academic year were received.
 - 360 graduating seniors were selected to each receive a \$2,500 scholarship for their first year in college.
- 14 recipients were sponsored by Texas chapters!

Congratulations to the following chapters for submitting successful candidates:

P - Houston	FK - Austin
T - Harlingen	FX - Bay City
AX-ED - Houston	HQ - Austin
BB - Houston	HZ - Longview
CC - Beaumont	IB - Fredericksburg
EP - Houston	IG - Marble Falls
FC - Houston	IT - Fair Oaks Ranch



Congratulations also to all 90 Texas chapters who submitted applicants!
Cherisa York, TSC Chairman, P.E.O. STAR Scholarship