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## President's Message

This is my final message to you as president of Texas State Chapter and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the love and support you have shown me this past year. It has truly been my honor and pleasure to serve you these past four years. You have stood with me working together to spread the word about our projects and our Sisterhood. What a gift you have given to so many deserving project recipients. I am so proud of my Texas sisters!

In just a few short weeks, we will be gathering in Irving for the 85<sup>th</sup> Convention of Texas State Chapter. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. This is not only a time for business but also for education and spending time with each other. Many new friendships will be formed and existing friendships strengthened. So please come ready to have some fun and share your stories with your sisters from around our great state and applaud yourselves for a job well done!

With much love,

*Living  
Our  
Objects  
&  
Aims*

*“...a determination to do all we can at all times and under all circumstances to express a loving concern for each sister.”*

These words from our Objects and Aims speak volumes on their own and when we make a conscious effort to follow their definition, we are holding true to the promise we all made when we were initiated.

In this busy world we live in, it is too easy to get caught up in our own lives and forget to care for those around us. Remember that a kind word or act of kindness goes a long way to make someone's day. **KB**



The Nominating Committee of Texas State Chapter takes great pleasure in presenting Kathy Voss, Chapter HM, Kerrville, for the office of Secretary of Texas State Chapter 2016-2017.

Kathy was initiated into Chapter HM in 2009. Kathy has served her chapter as Secretary for two terms, President for two terms, and is currently serving as the Vice President. In 2015-2016 Kathy served as the assistant to the Texas State Chapter Unaffiliate Coordinator. As delegate from Chapter HM Kathy attended the 2013 Convention of Texas State Chapter held in Tyler and the 2014 Convention of Texas State Chapter held in McAllen. Kathy also served as a guard to the Convention of International Chapter 2013 held in Dallas.

Kathy has a keen understanding of technology and the use of social media. She spent years in managerial positions, honing these skills. Kathy presently lends her time, talent and enthusiasm to St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kerrville. She has served as President of the Episcopal Church Women (E.C.W.) and is currently on the E.C.W. Board. Kathy is also a member of Republican Women of Kerr County.

When asked to describe herself, Kathy wrote "There are a few words or phrases that do describe me: Positive, loyal/faithful, energetic, quick learner, hard-working, encouraging and ALWAYS supportive of others. And I am in good health ... very blessed indeed."

Kathy will be formally nominated at the upcoming 85<sup>th</sup> Convention of Texas State Chapter to be held in Irving, April 28, 29 & 30, 2016. Others being formally nominated at Convention to serve on the Executive Board of Texas State Chapter for 2016-2017 are:

President	Lois Cartwright	Chapter JE, Kingwood
Vice President	Betty Thomas	Chapter JH, Tomball
Organizer	Belinda Hargrove	Chapter GO, Bedford
Treasurer	Barbara Riley	Chapter CE, McAllen

Congratulations to Lois, Betty, Belinda, Barbara and Kathy!

*In appreciation of our Past Presidents...*



**Cheri Pierson** first followed her parents into teaching but, after four years, she acted on her grandfather's suggestion and off her résumé went to an insurance company. During her job interview, she took an aptitude test which indicated she'd be good at computer systems analyst work. Cheri soon found herself in a new place in a job she knew nothing about. And both were perfect for her! She loves Galveston and has stayed with American National Insurance Company for 35 years. She worked full-time throughout her six years on the Texas State Chapter executive board. When she served as president of TSC in 2006-2007, Cheri's theme was "Making Dreams Come True" – our projects help women with education, and our sisterly loving concern and emotional support for our sisters help each other reach our own dreams.

**Ellen Knox** grew up surrounded by her family in Wichita Falls, then chose to attend Cottey College to go somewhere different than where all her friends were going. At Cottey, she found her voice! She met her husband after her freshman year of college when they worked together as lifeguards. They married two weeks after Ellen graduated from Texas Tech. Over Rob's 24-year Air Force career, Ellen belonged to six P.E.O. chapters in three states. She chose the theme "Live, Laugh, Love" when president of Texas State Chapter in 2007-2008, as those three action verbs describe how we live as P.E.O.'s, spending time together in fellowship and how we treat each other. Ellen was appointed to the International Membership Advancement committee while president of TSC and served as a Regional Membership Representative for six years – Ellen loved every minute of it!



Check back each month as more past president profiles are added to the website. These women have devoted HUGE amounts of their time to our sisterhood, for which we are all truly thankful!

*Did you enjoy these introductions? Click here to view the complete profiles for these Past Presidents on the Texas P.E.O. website.*

*Convention Project Donations*



Are you or your chapter's delegate coming to state convention in Irving April 28-30?

Have you considered making a project donation in honor or in memory of someone special?

*What A Great Idea!*

State convention attendees are very generous and often make contributions to honor others for their service to P.E.O. Your Texas State Chapter treasurer and executive treasurer ask you to **please remember to designate which project your donation should apply to when you complete the convention donation form.** If we receive any donations at convention without a project indicated - or if it states something like "project of her choice" - it will be credited to the P.E.O. Foundation undesignated fund. **Thank You!**



# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

## Lateral Transfer

What do you do in your chapter when you have a devoted sister who simply can't make it to your regular chapter meetings? It is a hard issue because none of us want to lose a sister in any way. We fight vigilantly to keep our sweet sisters.

But what is our responsibility? Our ultimate responsibility is to our Sisterhood. We need to encourage each of our sisters to be involved, participating and contributing to our Sisterhood. We pledge to devote a due share of our interest and energy to the Sisterhood at our initiation.

So, if you have a sister that cannot participate due to work schedules, children, etc., please suggest the possibility of a lateral transfer, which is simply transferring to another local chapter, which better fits her needs. Find chapters in your local area that might be a good fit - tell them about your sister, tell your sister about their chapter and encourage consideration of a lateral transfer.

If we encourage lateral transfers, when appropriate, we are helping to strengthen the Sisterhood and our ultimate goals.

A lateral transfer is not a loss to your chapter, but a positive move for our Sisterhood and our mission. It's all about what we can do as individuals, as chapters, and as a Sisterhood to make a difference in this world for women and education.

For more information about Lateral Transfers, log in as a member on [peointernational.org](http://peointernational.org), then type "lateral transfer" in the search box and click on "Search".



Dear  
Daisy

**Question:** Now that we have our unaffiliate list highlighted with the names of potential sisters who live in our area, we are well on our way to contacting them. We notice most of our phone calls are unanswered and we must leave a phone message. Is there a perfect message to leave?

**Answer:** How exciting that you are locating and contacting these sisters! If no one is available to answer the call, just leave a message after the beep. You may share that her name was found on the International Unaffiliate listing used by your chapter to find sisters who may be looking for a new chapter. Leave your number and brief information about your chapter meetings.

If you don't hear back just remember sometimes phone messages may not get to the intended person so, try again later. Now, wait for that wonderful return phone call!

## !! Unaffiliate Telethon at Convention !!

Did you know that we have over 1,400 unaffiliates in Texas? Let's take the first step toward finding chapters for these sisters, and give them a call! Grab your cell phone and stop by the Unaffiliate Telethon while you're at Convention in Irving. Your greeting will make an unaffiliated sister's day - and you just might end up adding a new sister to your chapter!



## *TSC to Say Farewell to Executive Secretary ..... Welcomes Webmaster*

It is with much sadness that Texas State Chapter is saying goodbye to our Executive Secretary, Janice Williams. After 5-1/2 years of dedication and very hard work, Janice is retiring to devote more time to her family. Please thank Janice when you see her at convention and give her a great big sisterly hug! She will be missed for sure!



With Janice leaving, the decision was made to hire a Webmaster instead of an Executive Secretary. Texas State Chapter is excited to announce the newest member to our team. Torre Kean, who designed and donated our new website, has accepted the position of Webmaster. Torre is a member of Chapter AR in Dallas, Texas. She is the owner of Hooked On Code, a website and marketing consulting company. She graduated from Southern Methodist University in 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing, and got into web design after she graduated. She's been in the industry for over 5 years now, and is loving seeing her business grow and flourish! She enjoys working with clients to create beautiful, responsive websites that achieve their business goals. While she specializes in Wordpress websites, she offers Shopify website creation and consultation services as well. Please look for Torre at convention and give her a hearty welcome!