

Our Legacy
BUILDS
Women's Futures 

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Dear Delaware P.E.O. Sisters,

I bring you warm greetings from your new Delaware P.E.O. Board voted in during our 43RD State Chapter Convention held April 28-29, 2023, at the Greenwood Country Club in Newark, De. I was installed as State President, Mary Kegleman (G) now occupies the Vice President position, Ann Ashmore (D) became our new Organizer, Charlot Sanders(I)(PSP) remained State Treasurer, and Maureen Miller(N) (PSP), stepped into the role of State Secretary. We were all very honored to be installed into our offices by our International Representative, none other than Patricia Brolin-Ribi herself, President of International Chapter. What a lifetime memory that will be for me!

I must thank Peg Mitchell (I), immediate Past State President, for all her guidance and leadership over the past four years, she's been a true role model for me. Deeply felt thanks also go to the Nominating committee Sandy Holsten (I) (PSP) chair, Deb Kerchner (L) (PSP) and Dianne Deming (N)(PSP) for developing the new slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year.

The work of the State Board would be impossible without all the Committees, their Chairs, and members. Thank you everyone for your service during the 2022-2023 year, your dedication to P.E.O. is evident. I extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who agreed to either remain on a committee or said yes to accepting a committee appointment. I look forward to working with all of you.

The foundation of any State Chapter is made up of all the Local Chapters. Your support of the P.E.O. mission is witness to not only the loving concern we have for all Sisters, but towards those who haven't yet become aware of our Sisterhood. Let us all continue to spread the word!

*My theme for this year is: **Our Legacy Builds Women's Futures.** While we may not visually see the results a grant, loan or scholarship has on a woman's life, her future is automatically changed when we support her education. Helping women change their lives, and the lives of their families was what attracted me to P.E.O. thirty-four years ago. Growing up I personally experienced the positive effects my mother's efforts to improve her job skills had on our life, and supporting other women's journeys now brings me deep joy. Everyone's volunteer hours of work, sharing of talent and support of each other contributes in seemingly unknown ways to brighten the lives of all our recipients. By doing so we are contributing to a new future for all of us.*

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Business Updates

The 2023-2024 State Directory of Officers and Committee Chairs was approved by the State Board on April 29, 2023. It will be posted on the DE P.E.O. website, and was distributed to Local Chapter Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, Committee Chairs, Past State Presidents, and the new State Board. If you find a need to update or correct an entry in the Directory, please contact Maureen Miller, our new Secretary, and she'll alert the DE membership to the correction.

The State Goals for Delaware's 2023-2024 year were approved in March and submitted to Patricia Brolin-Ribi. Patti happily accepted our Goals and praised us for the love and forward thinking that went into formulating them. International has extended their goals set in 2021 of encouraging all Sisters to reconnect, renew and share the joys of P.E.O. within our Chapters, and our communities. Supporting Leadership throughout the membership is an especially important element of reconnecting, and the Board has chosen to emphasize the Leadership modules found within the International website offerings.

The Presidents' Roundtable meetings will continue as a means of giving support to each other, and as an opportunity to share ideas, challenges, and resources.

Chapter Buddies have once again been assigned; Chapters I, J, L- Mary, Chapters E, G, N-Ann, Chapters D, H, K-Charlot, Chapters M & O-Maureen.

I'm looking forward to serving as your State President in 2023-2024. We are continuing our long legacy of helping women construct a brighter future for themselves.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,

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