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Message from Your State President

Dear Sisters,

I am writing this message to you all now as I look forward to being with many of you in Indianapolis for our 100th State Convention in late May, 2024. It seems so long ago now that I started on this Executive Board journey. There have been so many joys and a few sorrows; such is life.

This past year has been a journey that has once again taken us as P.E.O. sisters to some interesting and challenging places. Some, like the trip to Pittsburgh for the Convention of International Chapter, were exciting – meeting new sisters from all the United States and Canada. Our official visits in the Central region of Indiana were times to get to know your chapters – the strengths and weaknesses. But most of all, all these events offered time to learn from each other.

We have had many changes in the past year and some are still to come! Our international website has a new look and yes, a new type of password. We encourage you to visit it and take a good look around. Indiana's website will be making some changes, including implementing on-line registration (fingers crossed) for the Indiana State Convention. Look for information about that very soon. Technology can make our work easier – most of the time. We have shared with you to work TOGETHER to help those sisters who are less comfortable with using the websites. After all, I still believe that "together is better."

It has been a real joy for me to read your presidents' letters this year. I do read every one as they come in. I love hearing how your chapters have experienced the benefits of working TOGETHER for the benefit of our sisterhood.

Sadly, however, not all chapters are experiencing growth and are finding it challenging to fill officer positions. Aging members, lack of initiating new members... the list goes on. I urge everyone to work TOGETHER to find ways to grow your membership and of course, support those willing to serve in officer positions however you can. P.E.O. is not a "club" that you attend; it is a Sisterhood with a mission. That mission is:

"...Celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate each other to achieve their highest aspirations."