

PAST STATE PRESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name:	Nancy Swanson Sites		
Years Served on State or Provincial Board:	2011-2016		
Years presided as president:	1		
What was Your Theme?	P.E.O. ...Talk About It!		
What were you contemplating when you selected this theme?			
Hoping for more recognition of our organization from our communities and other organizations.			
What was the central message of your acceptance speech as President? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)			
<p>Sisters, we are unique among philanthropic organizations. We have a fabulous mission: to further education for women AND we promote fellowship and sisterhood. We are relevant for all ages and stages. In a perfect world, next year when we meet in Birmingham, P.E.O. would be widespread and well known in our state!</p> <p>To that end, my theme is “P.E.O. –Talk About it!” We are NOT a secret organization. I encourage you to talk about us to your church members, your other organizations, your children’s school teachers, your family members --maybe the meter reader, the waitress! (Yes, he/she may have a daughter in need of scholarship help or looking for a small college where she can flourish!)</p> <p>In business, we are taught that we need an “elevator speech” to describe our company in a succinct and memorable way. I would challenge each of you to perfect your elevator speech...or do you stumble (as I sometimes do) to explain our organization when someone says “What does P.E.O. stand for?” We are a philanthropic organization that stands for promoting women’s education, fellowship among women and sincere desire to better ourselves and our communities.</p>			
As you wrapped up your Presidency you had thoughts: what were they? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)			
<p>It was a wonderful experience. I jokingly said that I would like to continue on as president for another year. And truly, you just learn what to do and the year is over! I hope that what I learned I have transferred to our board in my support for them. I am pleased that I was able to visit all 39 chapters in our state while serving on the state board. That was the highlight of my year (s). I would encourage all state board members to get out among our sisters and chapters/reciprocities. It is where P.E.O. happens.</p>			
Please list an accomplishment (or two) from your tenure on the board.			
Many examples of members "talking" about P.E.O.; all time high of 82 initiations and positive net growth; visited all 39 chapters in our state;			
Briefly – what does P.E.O. mean to you?			
P.E.O. has been a mainstay in my life. As I have moved around the country and lived in several places, it was always there to welcome me and provide fellowship. I am proud of the work that we do for our philanthropies and value the deep friendships that I have due to P.E.O.			
Briefly – can you provide a personal philosophy about philanthropy in P.E.O.?			
Our philanthropy work gives us a purpose and allows us to do good and have fun.			

When/where did you become a P.E.O.?
Nebraska Chapter AB 1971
To which chapters have you belonged?
AG/NE, HF/NE, ES/FL , W/GA and AB/AL
What offices have you held in the local chapter?
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary (substitute Corresponding Secretary)
Since your Executive Board experience, what have you done in P.E.O.?
Currently Recording Secretary for Chapter AB/AL. Also participate in our local reciprocity board. Working on COL for state convention.
Please list your Education and degrees earned?
BA-Education and graduate work at UNO and Laverne College, CA.
Your Employment?
Consulting , property management and retired from sales executive in software industry.
Your Family members?
Only cousins and a bff "sister."
Your family who are P.E.O.s?
My mother was a P.E.O. My cousins in Nebraska (3) are all P.E.O. My "sister" is a P.E.O. in Kansas.
Your Awards?
Your Interests?
Cooking/entertaining; music; decorating and beach.
Your activities outside P.E.O.?
Wisteria Garden Club, president, Fairhope, AL; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fairhope, AL;
Is there anything else you'd like to add?