

P.E.O. Foundation Celebrates 50 Years

During 2011, the P.E.O. Foundation celebrates its 50th anniversary. Because it qualifies as a charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code, gifts and bequests to the Foundation are deductible for United States and state income, estate and gift tax purposes. This makes this entity a wonderful vehicle for monetary donations from P.E.O.s, their families and friends, with no amount being too small or too large.

From the initial donation of \$2,000 in 1961, the Foundation has grown to more than \$75 million in assets. The P.E.O. Foundation periodically distributes funds to the various P.E.O. educational projects, thereby supporting P.E.O.'s mission of educating women.

Nebraska chapters are encouraged to celebrate this anniversary year of the P.E.O. Foundation by doing two things:

- Present a chapter program on the Foundation. On the International website, chapters will find an excellent program, "A Girl's Best Friend" and other documents which can assist in preparing a program.
- Include a monetary gift to the P.E.O. Foundation in your chapter giving this year. While gifts of any amount are appreciated, a \$50 gift in honor of the Foundation's 50th anniversary would be especially appropriate this year. The total amount raised in honor of the 50th anniversary will be divided equally among the projects and will be announced at the Convention of International Chapter in September 2011. Chapters should note "P.E.O. Foundation 50th Anniversary Fund" in the memo line of the Nebraska State Chapter Project Donation Form, under the section "P.E.O. Foundation" in order for their gift to be part of this celebration.

More details about the 50th anniversary celebration, and the history of the P.E.O. Foundation can be found in the Sept/Oct 2010 and the Jan/Feb 2011 issues of The P.E.O. Record, and on the International website under P.E.O. Foundation and Planned Giving.