

## Fundraising or Ways to do Means

1. Calendar Girls – put together and sell a calendar – thoughts for the day
2. Monthly calendar bag. Put money in a lunch bag each month according to – 5 cents for each inch around your waist, 10 cents for each letter in the state flower, 25 cents for each letter in your birthstone, etc.
3. A daily calendar of a month - similar to #2 – 5 cents if you missed the last meeting, 20 cents for each pan you used in preparing dinner, 25 cents if you watched the late show last night, 25 cents if you didn't dust today, etc.
4. Handbell concert – A PEO who plays handbells has a program. The chapter sets up a concert date and sells tickets.
5. Sell geraniums - (take orders, lots of colors, pick up date right before Mothers Day) Prepay or pay at pick up, but chapter organizes the flowers in a garage and there is just one day for pick up. Prices vary by the year depending upon availability, supplier etc but most years sell for \$3.50-\$4.50
6. Theme baskets – the hostess supplies a basket at each meeting and everyone brings something to put inside. Once a year they have a party where BILs and friends bid on the baskets as they are auctioned
7. Things to make and sell:
  - Homemade soap
  - Fancy scarves (knitted or decorated)
  - Decorated napkins or washcloths
  - Firestarters for a fireplace
  - Aprons (especially decorated with stars for initiation or daisies for cooking)
  - Tote bags or Decorated purses
  - Decorated bottles or bottle outfits
  - Doll or Barbie clothes
  - Embroidered items such a guest towels
  - Note cards
  - Fleece blankets
  - Glasses cases
  - Bible or book covers
  - Coffee at a highway rest stop during a busy weekend
  - Recipes or recipe cards
  - Hand decorated tee shirts or sweatshirts – maybe with marguerites
  - Jewelry
  - Christmas Ornaments
  - Quilts, afghans or other quilted and knitted items
  - Cookbooks
  - Candles
  - Advent Calendar
  - Windsocks or yard flags
  - Baked goods like candies, homemade pies, cinnamon rolls
  - Food mixes – soups, flavored rice, flavored coffees, flavored teas, party dips
8. Advertise on the state website for any items for sale

9. Make lecturns for chapter presidents and advertise in the Record.
10. Have a Marketplace display table at state convention with order forms and a sample of the wares. Orders may be taken but nothing sold.
11. Sock Away quarters. Give each member a sock to collect their change. Socks are returned when full or at a specific date.
12. Organize pet sitting or house sitting through the chapter
13. An Evening with an author (Jan Karon in VA). Several chapters work together and organize the author to come, speak and sign books. Barnes and Noble brought books and gave a portion of sales to the chapters for projects.
14. Work at concession stands at universities, schools, city events, or amusement parks. Honorarium, contributions or pay goes to the chapter.
15. Picnic basket sale or auction.
16. Pumpkin carving party and auction
17. Participate in a research study either through a research firm or university and return the honorarium or pay to the chapter.
18. Offer tutoring in your area of expertise. Everyone is good a something. One member coordinates tutoring sessions and you can do it from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to college.
19. Christmas bazaar – held in a large place (like a church) and they have lunch & invite guests. There is a room with crafts, white elephants, baked goods and food as well as a raffle of a homemade item (needlepoint, quilt, painting etc)
20. Kentucky Derby Party (can be any special event or race) – guests and members are invited food and drink can be donated. A betting window is available with a poster board listing horses\* and odds. Half the money returns to the chapter and the rest pays off bettors. (SuperBowl, World Series etc)
21. Plant sale – dig up your garden and auction them off, root your plants and sell them, offer a garden walk with a boutique of outdoor items for sale including your plants.
22. Offer a day trip (usually including bus transportation) to an historic spot, art show, or shopping mecca.
23. Have the local theatre group put on a specific performance for PEO with all the ticket sales going to projects.
24. Offer a game party and serve lunch. This chapter charged admission and offered silent auction items which could be bid on between games. They had several card games such as bridge and other games such as bunco.
25. Fur fashion show and sale – a fur distributor did the show and sale with proceeds to the chapter. Can also be done with a Jeweler
26. Fashion show/trunk sale – designer or exclusive boutiques will help produce a show. .
27. Art display and sale – again artists and galleries will help produce a show.
28. Gourmet dinner prepared by the chef of the country club. Tickets are sold for the dinner plus you can auction items at the dinner.
29. Auction off a private dinner prepared and served in their home at their requested date by a sister who is known as a great cook or the chef from the country club.

30. Wine tasting party – Vintners or wine stores will set up and moderate a discussion and tasting -Or have your own “expert” for a wine and cheese party
31. Diet starting tomorrow – make pledges to donate per pound lost or make a goal and pay twice per pound that you don’t lose
32. Lunch / Dinner In – Before or after the chapter meeting, have a casserole and salad lunch or dinner. Charge \$5.00. It will be better and cheaper than any dinner you could have out at a restaurant and will not make you late for the meeting.
33. Hayride – for the fall season around Halloween a horse drawn hayride.
34. Flat Shirley send a paper doll to someone ( can be members of the chapter or another chapter) and they take pictures with the doll on vacation. They must return the doll with pictures and donations.
35. typical activities:
  - garage sale, pie and bake sale, or attic sale
  - silent auction (great at BIL functions)
  - Dinner and a show (stage or movie)
  - have an auctioneer to bid items up
  - Tee Party (golf outing)
  - Goodie basket drawing at each meeting (winner provides next basket)
  - Sale of Entertainment / Coupon books
  - Book sale / swap (do it one time or ongoing)
  - Brag Box or love basket
  - Piggy bank for birthdays, not wearing pins, etc
  - Courtesy basket for donations for remembrances to members
36. A twist on the auctions – BIL’s offered a skit about what they thought went on during a P.E.O. meeting. Video tape was made of the skit and auctioned off (additional copies can be secretly made and offered at the top bidders price)
37. Blessings Tax Return – tax on good things in your life such as siblings, grandchildren, TVs, electronic items, pets, age, etc.
38. Surprise events: such as a purse weigh in(best with baby scale)-pay \$1 per pound. Other surprises – color of shoes and each color is a different price, Thanksgiving November basket to put in amount you are thankful for with an income tax form.
39. Phantom Ball (or No Snow Ball etc) – there is no ball and you just buy a ticket and of course, do not attend. You can even do non-photo packages.
40. Ghost Tea – send a napkin and a tea bag with an invitation to have tea at a specified date and time with the suggestion to relax, think about your sisters and write a check for the projects.
41. Decorate small artificial Christmas trees. One idea is to decorate with items they have around the kitchen (spatulas, measuring spoons etc) or a mans workshop (large nails, springs, etc). The “ornaments” are sprayed gold. They sell them for about \$25 and very unique.
42. Holiday house tour – sell tickets and give a tour of a members home.
43. “Bag Lady” meeting. Each person brings funny old clothes to auction. The purchasers can wear the clothes to the next meeting to be awarded prizes for the best dressed.

44. Kidnap breakfast. Cost is \$10 to attend, \$15 to know the date, \$20 if you don't want to attend. One sister organizes a breakfast and others pick up participants – some will be surprised and in their PJ's
45. Book Exchange – bring books to a meeting and others can buy them
46. Sell items at a profit such as:
  - Marguerite items like decals, windsocks, flags
  - Wrapping paper
  - Magazine subscriptions
  - Candy - like Sees candies
  - Candles
  - Flowers, plants, or poinsettias
  - Nuts
  - Christmas greens
  - Brooms
  - Nightshirts
  - Daisy soaps
  - Cutlery
  - Daisy candles
47. When a longtime member of a chapter died, her daughter (also a PEO) offered quite a few of mom's treasures for a silent auction at chapter Christmas party.
48. Silver Auction – ones you don't use anymore or duplicates could be others treasures.
49. Lazy Daisy Bake Sale – rather than bake items, everybody brings a roll ... of coins or "pound" cake with "cash"ews for "raisin" money
50. Take inventory at a local store and donate earnings
51. Off the wall auction – auction off all unwanted paintings, pictures, and wall hangings.
52. Sweets and Treats Sale you can call it a bake sale, but sweets and treats encompasses much more.
53. Bridge Marathon or any games – cards, board games - all of them make for fun activities with other PEOs, BILs, or even with guests.
54. BINGO – you can play with lots of people and offer prizes, food and fellowship. Combine this with other food or auction activities
55. Garden Walk or Tour – sell tickets and man a tour of someone's garden or lots of gardens in an area. You can also set up a gift shop at the end with lots of plants and outdoor things to sell.
56. Soup and Dessert Supper – combine this with an activity for a larger group
57. Box lunch Auction or raffle – (can be dinner boxes or even dessert) Can be from all members and auction to a larger group or just one or two at a meeting
58. Buss tables at a special event – if you town has a local event, find a job that will get you involved. You can even do it at a restaurant one night where PEO gets some of the proceeds and tips.
59. Birthday Cakes – in a college area, offer homemade birthday cakes to students Advertise on bulletin boards or through the university if they will allow
60. Weddings of the Century Style Show and Luncheon – find vintage gowns and model them for luncheon guests.

61. Have a representative from a home sales company distribute catalogs. All proceeds from the sale go to the chapter (Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, etc)
62. Socials to attract Non-PEOs and BILs can include auctions, boutiques etc
63. Things to auction can include massages, wine, theatre tickets,
64. Advertise items for sale on the website, newsletter, The Record ....etc.
65. At a meeting, pick a color of clothing or type of accessory and tax it – such as Earring tax or Red Dress tax at Christmas.
66. Bring souvenirs from travels to a meeting and tell the history of the item then auction them off.
67. A Thankful Basket or As The Rooster Crows. – a rooster piggy bank is passed at a meeting. Each member puts in all her change and tells her blessings.
68. Talent Show -- invite friends and BILs and amaze them with your talents
69. Participate in a research study. Many research firms will pay for families to use new products like shampoo and rate the product.
70. House, plant, or Pet sit for each other and friends – a furry bed & breakfast!
71. Have a city wide chili cook off at a local town festival. Require entrance fees and award prizes – you be the judge.
72. Have a homes tour. Members can open their homes during the holidays or for some special reason and other members serve as docents.
73. Make postcards, notecards or stationary from used greeting cards.
74. Make pressed flower notecards (daisies are nice)
75. Have a talented sister design a piece of jewelry. The chapter can commission it to be made or hand-make the jewelry.
76. Have the chapter take a class in pottery, plastics or a local craft. Design an item to sell from the skills learned.
77. Create a program for PEO chapters including a book that can be purchased, costumes or props. Offer to give or sell the program for a set amount.
78. Teach a computer class for new computer users (adults or children)
79. Wrap gifts at the mall, bazaar or community craft fair.
80. Sell root beer floats at a spring or summer outside event
81. Make a musical CD with local talent.