

PAST STATE PRESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name:	Sheila Lewis Morgan		
Years Served on State or Provincial Board:	1988-1995		
Years presided as president:	1994-95		
What was Your Theme?	P.E.O. - A Patchwork of Dreams		
What were you contemplating when you selected this theme?			
All of those components that make up P.E.O. and make it unique.			
What was the central message of your acceptance speech as President? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)			
<p>Both of my grandmothers were quilters and it always amazed me how they could take insignificant pieces of colorful fabrics and make such gorgeous quilts that also served a very serious purpose. P.E.O. is made up of many women of different backgrounds and different approaches to what we do, but as a whole we are strong and serve a useful purpose, much more than we could do as individuals. Each element in P.E.O. adds to the beauty and strength of our "quilt," each member, each local chapter, each State chapter and each of our philanthropies. However, the thread that binds our quilt is the love and support of all our sisters.</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>P.E.O. was begun by seven teenagers who had what turned out to be a wonderful vision. Through their love for each other they passed to all of us a strong, vital and supportive organization. It is our mission to continue to grow P.E.O. and not to lose sight of the fact that we are a Sisterhood, based on love for our sisters and the desire to help women achieve their dreams. We are each a part of P.E.O.'s Patchwork of Dreams.</p>			
Please list an accomplishment (or two) from your tenure on the board.			
I believe that we served as good stewards of Alabama's P.E.O. voyage. Membership continued to grow during this time.			
Briefly – what does P.E.O. mean to you?			
<p>When I became a P.E.O., I can truthfully say I did not fully appreciate what that meant. However, within two years, when our son died suddenly, I learned just how truly loving and supportive our sisters are. Chapter W literally closed around our family and with the added support of other friends, carried us through what was the worst time of our lives. Since that time, P.E.O. has offered me many opportunities for personal growth and I hope that I have been able to live up to the expectations of my sisters. I have always been active in the community and in many organizations, but I would give up everything before I would give up P.E.O. I am so grateful that God led Katie Scott and Chapter W to think that I was P.E.O. material. What a wonderful gift!</p>			
Briefly – can you provide a personal philosophy about philanthropy in P.E.O.?			
<p>P.E.O. philanthropies allow us to make a substantial difference in the lives of many women rather than a few if we were doing it as individuals. While serving on the ELF board, I came to understand how very badly many women want an education but don't have the resources needed to achieve their goal. Many</p>			

of them are working several jobs as well as going to school. The difference our loans, grants and scholarships make can be huge, sometimes only by validating what they doing.
When/where did you become a P.E.O.?
Initiated January, 1977 into Chapter W in Falls Church, Virginia
To which chapters have you belonged?
Chapter W, VA; Chapter P, AL; Chapter AB, AL; Chapter AG, AL
What offices have you held in the local chapter?
President (3 chapter), Recording Secretary and Guard
Since your Executive Board experience, what have you done in P.E.O.?
From 1996-2001 I was a member of the Board of Trustees of the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, serving as Chairman in 2000-2001. Member, International Nominating Committee, 2001-2003. In 2004, organized Chapter AG, Alabama in Foley.
Please list your Education and degrees earned?
BA, University of Alabama in Communication
Your Employment?
Except for the years 1960 and 61, my entire working time has been part-time. I have been a personal shopper, a substitute teacher in elementary schools in Virginia, an editor at College and University Press in Falls Church, Virginia, manager of a family owned mini-storage business in Alabama, customer service employee of a department store and bookkeeper for a golf and tennis shop in our retirement community.
Your Family members?
Husband, Ronald Dennis Morgan. We were married December 30, 1959. He is a retired US Navy Commander. Daughter Denise Morgan Snipes married to J.E. (Buddy) Snipes of Montgomery. Grandchildren Morgan, Jacquelyn, Virginia and Charles Snipes. Son Randall Duane Morgan deceased in 1979 at the age of 12.
Your family who are P.E.O.s?
Daughter Denise Snipes, Chapter Y, Alabama; Sister -in-law, Judi Morgan, Chapter AG, Alabama; Morgan Snipes, granddaughter, Chapter Y, Alabama and Jacquelyn Snipes, granddaughter, Chapter Y, Alabama
Your Awards?
Your Interests?
I love to read and always have a book with me just in case I have to wait somewhere. I don't mind waiting if I can read. I am addicted to crossword puzzles and cryptograms. I have been an active bridge player since I was thirteen and participate now in several bridge clubs. At this point I have given up golf but did enjoy it. Ron and I travel extensively, seeing parts of the world I never dreamed I would visit. We've met many wonderful people and have built terrific memories.
Your activities outside P.E.O.?
Besides being a Brownie and a Girl Scout growing up, I served as a Brownie leader, Girl Scout leader and a Cub Scout Den Mother as my children were growing up. I've been a Sunday School teacher, a member

of the board of the Red Cross in Bessemer, Alabama and a member of the Junior League, garden clubs, study clubs and officers' wives clubs. Since retiring to Foley, Alabama, I have been a member and served as president, vice president, treasurer and parliamentarian of the Foley Woman's Club and as president, vice president and parliamentarian of the Friends of the Foley Public Library. I am a member of the Foley United Methodist Church.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Ron and I married while still in college and went straight to the Navy upon graduation. We lived in Rhode Island, Hawaii, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Maine, Japan and back to Virginia before returning home to Alabama. My only regret is that I did not know about P.E.O. until our last move before coming back home. I see what a loving, supportive and welcoming Sisterhood it is and how we include those sisters who are new in our communities and I think how I would have loved being a part of that earlier. P.E.O. has enriched and broadened my life and my family's lives. I just hope that I have been able to give back just a little.