

## PAST STATE PRESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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| Name:  | Marilyn E. Mancini          |  |  |
| Years Served on State or Provincial Board:   | 1990-1997                   |  |  |
| Years presided as president:   | 1996-1997                   |  |  |
| What was Your Theme?   | Release the Power of P.E.O. |  |  |
| What were you contemplating when you selected this theme?  |                             |  |  |
| I believe that within us resides the potential to do amazing work, if only we will recognize that strength and put it to work.   |                             |  |  |
| What was the central message of your acceptance speech as President? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)  |                             |  |  |
| I found some notes collected before I accepted: A leader is an ordinary person who gets others to do extraordinary things.   |                             |  |  |
| As you wrapped up your Presidency you had thoughts: what were they? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)   |                             |  |  |
| Throughout my tenure on the board I often commented on writings by Wilferd Peterson. In my closing speech I referred to what Peterson wrote about his granddaughter who stated in a birthday card, “Dear Gramps, I hope you live all your life.” When elected to be President of Alabama state chapter, that’s what P.E.O.s were encouraging me to do. The greatest learning takes place when self-potential is tapped. Over these seven years you challenged me to test my waters: to realize personal potential. Which side of you does your chapter need now? You may have discovered your strength as an idea person, as an analyzer, or a task-completion-trooper, or as a nurturer? But are you all these things? Which side of you does P.E.O. need now? I challenge you to tap into some potential you have so that you will really live all of your life. I sense this wonderful swell of energy for positive change in your faces. You “seem to be a verb” just like R. Buckminster Fuller suggested in the title of his autobiography |                             |  |  |
| Please list an accomplishment (or two) from your tenure on the board.  |                             |  |  |
| When I was Organizer, Nancy McFeters, President, asked me to develop a manual that could be used to conduct local officer training and then reinstitute officer workshops. It was a monumental task, but using examples from Washington State Chapter, I wrote the manual and workshops were thereafter conducted. The presidential tool called Spot Reminder took some convincing on my part to be adopted. The Board worried it would be too “light” in tone to be considered effective. The cover pictured a Dalmation. Having taught a course in creativity at the U of A, I saw the image as being approachable, and therefore the information would be useful. It turned out to be a valuable resource! Also, because of my teaching, I moved the state newsletter from a letter format to a professional looking newsletter. As Organizer I reported that state membership hit 999. While I was on the board, Chapter Z was organized – I took the role of chaplain: and I organized Chapter AA.  |                             |  |  |
| Briefly – what does P.E.O. mean to you?  |                             |  |  |
| P.E.O. represents life-long bonds of friendship beyond compare, leadership opportunities among those who have one’s best interests at heart, and limitless ways to help other women reach their potential.   |                             |  |  |
| Briefly – can you provide a personal philosophy about philanthropy in P.E.O.?  |                             |  |  |

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| I believe P.E.O. philanthropies are solution oriented rather than problem oriented. I don't have to wait to make something happen, the next garage sale can have an impact. As Goethe said, The deed is everything, the glory naught.  |
| When/where did you become a P.E.O.?  |
| I was initiated into my mother's chapter, Chapter FB, Peoria, Illinois at a called meeting in June of 1969. I later learned what a called meeting meant, and that initiation took on special meaning because they had focused all their attention on simply making sure I became a P.E.O.  |
| To which chapters have you belonged?   |
| FB, Peoria, Illinois; EQ,, Bryan, Texas; DX, Denver, Colorado; N, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and AC, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.  |
| What offices have you held in the local chapter?   |
| Guard, Recording Secretary, Chaplain, President  |
| Since your Executive Board experience, what have you done in P.E.O.?   |
| I selected the charter list to form Chapter AC in 1998. On the state level I have served on the nominating committee 1998, been the co-chairman of two state conventions 1986 and 2006, and served as the state STAR chairman from 2010-12. On the International level I conducted a workshop at the 1999 International Convention in Baltimore on how to use the International website, served on the International Nominating Committee from 1998-1999, served on the Cottey College Board of Trustees from 2000-2007 and Board Chair from 2005-2007, and was commencement speaker at Cottey in 2008 where the STAR Scholarship was officially announced as a pilot project. I served as Chairman of the Special Committee to Develop the Sixth Philanthropy in P.E.O., the STAR Scholarship, 2007-09. As part of the Defining Moment Capital Campaign for Cottey College, in 2012, I conducted interviews of alumnae donors which appeared in the college's publication, The Viewpoint. |
| Please list your Education and degrees earned?   |
| AA degree from Gulf Park College, Long Beach, MS 1967; BS degree in Journalism from Southern Illinois University, 1969; MA degree in Advertising from the University of Alabama, 1985.   |
| Your Employment?   |
| Broadcast copywriter WLDS, WEAI, WINI – stations in Illinois<br>Instructor in creative strategy (copywriting), Department of Advertising and Public Relations, The College of Communication and Information Sciences, The University of Alabama. Coordinated the Department's academic advising program. Headed the Department's Curriculum Committee. 1986-2004<br>Emerita status awarded in 2008.  |
| Your Family members?   |
| Husband: Ernest A. Mancini, PH.D. in geology; daughters: Lisa Harden and Lauren Mozingo; grandchildren, Thomas and Rebecca Mozingo and Philip and Claire Harden.   |
| Your family who are P.E.O.s?   |
| My mother, Margaret Lee, was a 54- year member of P.E.O.   |

Your Awards?

Received the Thanks Badge from Girl Scouts U.S.A. for work on the Camp Development Committee. Received the Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award from the College of Communication and Information Sciences. Received the Hileman Award, sponsored by the Seventh District of the American Advertising Federation, for dedication to teaching in advertising. Emerita status in the College of Communication and Information Sciences, The University of Alabama. Two endowed scholarships have been established in my honor at the University of Alabama, College of Communication and Information Sciences, and at Cottey College.

Your Interests?

My interests include life on Lake Tuscaloosa, life on Swan Park Ranch in Condon, Montana where we spend 6 months of each year, knitting, making bread, swimming, hiking, reading, international travel – especially to Italy and France, our grandchildren

Your activities outside P.E.O.?

I conduct mock interviews for students preparing to enter the job market, Career Center, The University of Alabama.  
Led two Girl Scout troops, served on the Girl Scout Council's Camp Development Committee.  
Served on the board of Caring Days, day care center for adults with memory disorders.  
Taught Sunday School at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Stewardship Chairman. Headed the church's Pastor Nominating Committee 2004-2006.

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

During my tenure on the Cottey Board, trustee committees were reinstated, and the Education Policy Committee, which I chaired for 4 years, worked closely with the faculty to develop new programs in political science and international relations that became the catalyst for development of a four-year degree, begun after my term. I served on the search committee that selected Dr. Judy Rogers as President.

Interesting fact: The First 65 Years of P.E.O. in Alabama was published during my year as President. It was a long, struggling effort to get the history to fruition, and it was completed thanks to the efforts of the Past State Presidents, particularly T. C. Wilkins and Betsy Davis.

Fun stories: 1) When Chapter AA was organized, it was a cold winter day, and I was wearing my white cork-wedge sandals. The ceremony was held in a lovely church setting, and while presiding, I noticed crumbs on the floor. How could communion crumbs be scattered in such an otherwise clean sanctuary? As the event concluded and attendees filed out to attend a celebratory luncheon, I looked down and was appalled to see more crumbs than I had realized. I then wondered if I could have tracked any, so I looked at the bottom of one shoe. Alas, my cork wedges were disintegrating from the cold. That incident proves, in P.E.O. we don't rest on our heels.

2) The fun valediction or farewell that we use to close e-mails is LIPEO. I'm the one who started it during the workshop at the 1999 Baltimore International Convention on how to use the International website. I ended my presentation with LIPEO -- Marilyn, and it's taken on a life of its own. I have purchased stickers with these letters (sometimes with appropriate periods) to use on envelopes; P.E.O.s from across the nation end a message to me with the letters. It gives me great joy to see this as a bonding tool.