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Dear Dorothy and Sisters in Chapter BL:

To quote Mary Poppins, "In every job that's to be done there is an element of fun", and while the President's letter is a requirement, it's fun to be writing to you -- some of my favorite PEO's.

Chapter BL will attain that happy age of "sweet sixteen" this year. With an active resident membership list of 37 and 8 non-residents, our membership figures are the same as last year. However, this represents a change in personnel if not in numbers. We granted dimitts to Marilyn Lott and Shirley Okerstrom to affiliate with chapters GD, Lincoln, Neb. and DC, Traverse City, Mich. respectively; welcomed back from Florida our Edna Riemen, and said reluctant good-byes to Marilyn Anderson, Sally Fleming, and Carole Jochimsen whose BIL's continue to move upward and onward in their chosen professions. Connie Todd of Chapter AW, Nebraska has accepted our invitation to dimit to Chapter BL.

Our "vacation period" was one of happy social gatherings, beginning with June 2 when our capable Social committee planned a gala buffet supper which we shared with our BILs at Jane and Phil Stark's charming new home to celebrate our chapter's fifteenth "birthday". Later in the month when charter member and first president of chapter BL, Betty Rennebohm and her family returned to Madison for her daughter Kristi's wedding, Betty Land hosted a morning "Coffee" honoring Kristi and her mother. On June 21st we brought sandwiches to Sally Fleming's and combined business with pleasure as we gathered to hear delegates Mildred Wedemeyer and Genevieve Busse's state convention reports. Then on August 2, with Beth Ross as hostess, we got together to wish happiness to Sally Fleming and Carole Jochimsen in Ann Arbor and Galesburg, soon to be their new homes.

This month the Madison Reciprocity Board gave a luncheon for our unaffiliates. Jean Clausen did the publicity which was our chapter's special responsibility, and Betty Land graciously narrated the Founder's Day part of the program, written by our Mary Lou Hogan.

Our programs have been informative and stimulating as members have shared their talents and interests, last Spring using the theme "Our Year of Concern" and this Fall, "Getting to Know You."

We look forward to Margaret Bartheld's visit on Feb. 14th and appreciate her cooperation in changing our date of inspection when the absence of both President and Vice President made it impossible in October.

We supported PEO projects with the following contributions: Cottey College, \$60; Cottey College Library, \$10; International Peace Scholarships, \$40; and Educational Fund, \$20. Money for these projects was raised in part through proceeds from a Christmas dinner and white elephant auction with our Welfare committee in charge.

Of course the highlight of this past year for me personally was the privilege of attending Supreme Convention in Seattle as a delegate. My hope is that one day each of you might share this enriching experience, for it is here that one truly sees the broad expanse of our PEO horizons.

And now, as my second year as President nears a close, may I express to each of you my sincere appreciation for your patience, understanding and cooperation, but most of all for your sisterly love which has sustained me, especially these past few months. May this spirit of PEO be an integral part of our lives always as we strive to keep our vows and make the world a better place in which to live.

Yours in PEO,

Charlotte M. King