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"There is one art of which every man should  
be a master-the art of reflection"

Dear Mary and my Sisters in Chapter BL:

I can hardly believe it has been two years since I said that I would be your president. It has truly been a learning and growing experience for me and I sincerely hope it has been a satisfying and loving experience for all of us in the Chapter BL. So, in the words of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, I am going to set forth and try my art of reflection.

There are three types of people: those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and the vast majority who have no idea what happens. Chapter BL is a group of sisters who make things happen-we have no one who has no idea what happens because we have used a newsletter for several years now. Thanks to the ongoing work of Carol Wilson, who graciously puts the newsletter together, we all are informed as to the activities and worthy news items of all of our Sisters.

Mary, we used your theme of "Happiness in Love and Laughter in PEO" as our theme this year, and I believe it has been a fulfilling, happy year. We started out the year by dropping in at Kathy Barker's (a co-program chairman) house to "catch up" on our summer news and to pick-up our yearbooks. We had not done this before, but it was fun to see everyone before we had our regular meeting.

A very happy meeting for us was when Karen Dickenson visited us in October. It was so much fun to get to know her. Chapter BL responded graciously with an officers supper meeting at Mildred Wedermeyer's lovely home followed by an up-beat meeting at the Betty Land's home.

Because this was an off year for a major fund raiser (we have had in the past a large garage sale every other year), our Ways and Means Committee had several new ideas that have done very well for our Chapter. We had a picnic meeting at Vilas Park Zoo which gave us \$85.00; we sold See's Candy which earned us \$287.00; and then we had a Christmas auction (held in January because of snow) which gave us \$320.00; plus our famous bridge playing which is always successful in that we collected \$160.00 from the card players. As always we sell brooms and wash cloths.

With the money we raised, we have been able to give \$1,270.00 to our projects. We decided this past year to become a Chapter to sponsor an IPS student for a designated award. Our student is Hsu-Ling Lin, a graduate student at the University of Chicago. We have yet to meet her, but with Charlotte King's help as our IPS chairman we plan on meeting her soon. We were so excited when we received news that Carol Wilson's granddaughter, Pandora Wilson, received an ELF loan for \$1750.00 for her occupational therapy internship in California.

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We have not only worked hard, we have had many fun times also. We had a BIL Theater party, when under the social committee's leadership we rented a school bus and went to Spring Green to the American Player's Theater on July 14. Everyone enjoyed this event. We also partied in May when we celebrated Chapter BL's 40th birthday party with a fun lunch and Zo Kussow giving us a history of our Chapter.

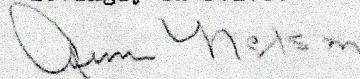
Our Chapter has also done some growing this year. We welcomed back with loving arms our Sister, Mary Lou Hogan, who rejoined us from Chapter F, New Mexico. In January we initiated Marcie Stark, (Mrs. David) Jane Stark's daughter-in-law. We were sorry to have Mary Hibner go inactive. We will contact her before we send in her pin in three years to see if this is still her wish. Chapter BL now has 56 resident members and 9 non-resident members for a total of 65 members.

We are looking forward to celebrating with Charlotte King as she celebrates her 50 years in PEO at the State Convention in June.

And now as I turn over the gavel to a new president, I would like to thank all my Sisters in Chapter BL who gave of themselves so lovingly whenever I asked for their help. It has truly been my privilege to serve you.

"I have a second self in me  
That people scarcely ever see -  
A very charming clever girl  
Whose mouth is always in a whirl,  
Who always has a quick come-back,  
Smart repartee, a cute wisecrack,  
The only trouble is that she  
Speaks only when alone with me.  
All night her wit flows through my head -  
The brilliant things I wish I'd said."

Lovingly in P.E.O.



Ann Nelson, President  
Chapter BL