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Dear Ruth and Sisters in Chapter BL:

As several of my sisters will attest, I approached this first year as president with fear and trepidation. However it has become a pleasure and privilege because of the help and love and patience of my sisters.

Chapter BL is particularly proud of our own Cathy Barker, your colleague Ruth as State Organizer. We all know what singular devotion is required of a state officer. Cathy has been an enormous help to me as I try to learn the ropes.

One highlight this year, a BIL dinner at Blackhawk Country Club in March, was a great success planned by the Social Committee with entertainment provided by BILs Phil Dybdahl and Dave Nelson. Another was our chapter's 35th birthday celebrated at Beth Ross' home with a highly caloric and delicious luncheon. Some of us were dressed as we might have been in 1952 and more fun was created by some research done by Jean Rennebohm.

Chapter BL was greatly saddened by the death of two sisters this year. Our special Jeanette Thomas was a charter member and my beloved mother Elizabeth Weber had been a devoted P.E.O. for over fifty years. We are heartened to believe there will be a memorial to them and my dear sister Janet Costello as part of the new Fine Arts Center at Cottey.

We were pleased to learn that one of our long-time non-resident members June Larson has found a home in Chapter QF California and we welcomed Karen Shotwell who dimitted from Chapter BE Idaho. Sarah Rose's daughter Susan was initiated in April with a lovely luncheon at Audrey Dybdahl's home following the ceremony. We also honored Audrey's daughter Ann and Janet Gullickson's daughter Beth as brides-to-be in August and October with gracious tea parties at the homes of Sara Rose and Helen Sivertson.

Chapter BL held a Trash and Treasure sale in October in Connie Todd's garage. It was our big money-maker and we all participated, but its success was due in large part to the planning efforts of Connie, Sandra Balfour and Mimi Koenig. We also earned project money from a bridge group, the sale of bean soup, brooms and dishcloths as well as a wonderful bar-b-que supper planned by the Ways and Means Committee and held at Stephany Halverson's in September. Consequently, we were able to give \$200 to Jane Oakes our Continuing Education recipient who was also awarded \$750 from International to achieve her goal as an X-ray Technician. In addition we contributed \$365 to our other P.E.O. projects. Our chapter now numbers 49 active resident members and 10 non-resident.

Our theme this year has been Celebrate Freedom - 200th Birthday of the U.S. Constitution. Cooperative effort, interesting programs and lots of good food have created a productive year for Chapter BL.

Lovingly in P.E.O.,
Fran Krugatz