

CHAPTER BL NEWS

OCTOBER, 2021

A thank you to those who have already contributed to our annual P.E.O. non-event fundraiser. We have raised \$2965 as of today toward our goal of \$3500. If you have not yet contributed but want to do so, please consider how much your support advances the education of women, then make a donation to our projects by writing a check to PEO Ch. BL and mail to our treasurer Sandy Burrus, 1809 Hidden Hill Drive, Verona WI 53593. You may also want to include a \$55 check for dues at this time. The illustration below, from a rare children's book, shows animals working together for a common goal, just as we do with our fundraising efforts.



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I hope you are encouraged by this and remember that whatever it is that seems to be your "sagging floor" in life, you have many sisters ready to bolster you and support the weight of it. Each one of our scholarship or loan recipients is shored up a bit, as well, by "sister beams" that take some of the load of the cost of education. I am so grateful for P.E.O. Please go out and share your sisterly love for each other and together, we can do great things in this world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18: Mah Jongg, 1:00 at Sara Lee Hinckley's home.

October 27: Zoom Business Meeting with Program "Effects of Covid on our Education System", presented by Suzanne Wickizer. **This meeting will begin at 3:00PM.**

November 1: Book Club will meet on Zoom at 1:00 pm. The book is [A Death in the Family](#), by James Agee.

November 10: Zoom Business Meeting at 1:00 pm with program on Native American history in Wisconsin, presented by Sheila Shigley.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATE

December 10: Holiday Book Give Away at Lussier Center. The committee will shop for books using the \$500 allocated in our 2021 budget. Volunteers will be needed to assist.

At right, our fearless co-chairs Mary Jo and Rebecca at the library.



A SPECIAL MESSAGE

State President Mary Lou Bradstreet delivered the following letter at our October meeting:

I would like to close with part of a speech given by a federal court judge in Indiana, my home state.

We are, indeed, sisters, and that term, "sisters," brings to mind something I read not long ago. The word "sister" is in fact used in building construction. It comes into play when a contractor has to stabilize a sagging joist – in say, a sagging floor or roof. The builders raise up and strengthen the weakened joist by attaching an additional framing member or two alongside the existing beam to strengthen it. That maneuver, where a primary beam gets beefed up by adding

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