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Events of 1957-58

The State Convention was held at Waukesha. Delegates were Betty Land and Ruth Thomas.

We celebrated our Fifth Anniversary with a tea at the home of Betty Land. The members of the Reciprocity Board and members of our sponsoring Chapter AX were our guests.

On November 5th, the Reciprocity Board held a meeting for all Madison's P.E.O's. The purpose of this meeting was to hear reports of the delegates who went to Supreme Chapter which met in Denver, Colorado. We were especially proud of Chapter BL's representation. Our first president, Betty Rennebohm was one of the two delegates from Madison. She shared the spotlight with Margaret Bell and Connie Elvejhem in giving her report of the Convention. Presiding at the meeting was Betty Land, President of the Reciprocity Board. Mary Justice was in charge of the program. She led a choral group of Chapter BL which provided music for the evening.

In November, Opal Hubbel made her official visit to our chapter giving us many helpful suggestions.

Our cookie party in November netted \$71.50.

Our BIL party was held in January at the Malmquist home.

We received by dimit:

Jean Bencriscutto
Charlotte King
Barbara Cook
Nancy King

We received by initiation:

Genevieve Busse

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Events of 1958-59

The State Convention was held at Racine. Due to illness in the family our President was unable to attend as first delegate. Jean Clausen served in her place. Jane Secord went as second delegate.

The theme for our Yearbook was "Windows". We looked through these windows at the professions of our BIL's who provided our programs.

In May, Helen Thompson invited all Madison P.E.O.'s to a tea at the Governor's Mansion. It was a lovely afternoon and well attended.

We were proud to have Betty Land sponsor the organization of a new P.E.O. Chapter in Madison. Through her efforts we now have Chapter BW, another evening chapter.

The Triple Trio under the direction of our President has been in demand at various organizations throughout the year.

The BIL party was held at the Busse home. It was one of the enjoyable evenings of the year.

This year we have not had Secret sisters, but at Jean Clausen's suggestion, we have one member give a biography of another member at our meetings.

We received by dimit:

Nancy King
Phyllis Norem

We received by initiation:

Marilyn Anderson
Dorothy Leon

We lost four members: Barbara Cook to Green Bay, June Larson to Los Angeles, Cal., Jean Bencruscutto to Rochester, N.Y. and Virginia Malmquist to Clayton, Missouri.

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Events of 1959-60

We had a birthday party honoring May Rarick's 80th birthday.

Mary Justice and Carol Wilson represented Chapter BL at the state convention which was held in Wauwatosa. They brought back an interesting account of all of the meetings.

Our Triple Trio was highly honored by having a place on the Wednesday program at the Supreme Convention that was held in Milwaukee. They received many compliments both on their ability as musicians and their youthful appearances. Some even thought they were PEO daughters.

The theme of our Yearbook was "We reach for the Stars". The second meeting of the year was changed as we substituted a memorial given by Jane Wilson in honor of our dear sister May Rarick who entered Chapter Eternal, August 26, 1959.

The Christmas exchange was held at Betty Land's. We netted \$55.60. Our sales are not as large as our finances are adequate for our needs.

In December Mary Justice announced they were leaving Madison. She held an election in which Jane Secord was elected president to take her place. Nancy Ragatz was elected first Vice President to take Jane's place. She also read an invitation from the State Program Chairman inviting the Triple Trio to sing at the State Convention in Appleton. The girls decided to carry on with the Trio and to sing at the convention although their conductor, Mary Justice would be gone.

Our guest night was held at the home of Jeanette Thomas. Fran Bright brought us an outstanding evening of music with Margaret Picard, Mildred Stanke, Lois Dick and Marian Crownhart as our

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entertaining guests.

As usual the BIL party, held at Martha Reynold's home, was enjoyed by both PEO's and BIL's.

We lost one member during the year, Mary Justice.

1961-62

State convention met at Green Bay. Jane Secord and Martha Reynolds went as our delegates. Their reports were very interesting and informative.

Our theme for the year was "Take Time" which started our programs with a family picnic in September. It was "Take Time" to meet our families.

Our Christmas Sale was in the form of Ye Olde Curiosity Shop with the sale of the wares in verse written by Jean Rennebohm and Jane Stark. We made \$97.

This year we gave \$20 to the International Peace Scholarship Fund, \$25 to Cottey College Library and \$60 in memory of Mae Rarick and Gail Frazier. This money was to be divided into \$30 for Art books honoring Mae and \$30 for Foreign Language books honoring Gail. We also cashed some bonds as our part of 1963 convention expenses.

On May 2, we celebrated our Guest Day with an anniversary program which reviewed our past ten years with music and modeling interspersed at appropriate times. We invited Chapter BW to be our guests.

This year we also tried out a new meeting time which proved successful enough for another year. We met on an afternoon and an evening.

We have gained two new members by initiation:

Lyn Stewart
Florence Nordholm

Two of our members have just recently moved; Jane Wilson, one of our charter members and Virginia Zimmer.