

★ Gertrude (Trudy) Bangsberg, Chapter BL-Madison, Initiated 05/14/1969

Trudy raised five children, on her own after her husband's death, and has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She counts among her P.E.O. sisters her daughter, Sarah Raasch, and her sister, Elsa Lawrence. Within her chapter she has served as recording secretary and historian, as well as being a member of the yearbook and budget committees. As a 50-year member of Chapter BL, Trudy has devoted immeasurable time and energy in the furtherance of the chapter's programs and priorities. She sees the importance of P.E.O.'s financial support to women's education and the involvement and contributions of P.E.O. members to the communities in which they live. Trudy started her professional career in marketing, moving into development, and ultimately helping to create the Oakwood Village Homes foundation and serving as its director. She was appointed to the Lutheran Social Services Board, and was a charter member of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives.