

Kansas State Chapter Secretary



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Joyce Smith was born in Lincoln, Nebraska. She has lived in Japan, Marquette, Michigan, Wichita, and Hutchinson, Kansas. After graduating from McPherson College, Joyce began her teaching career in Hutchinson Public Schools. Throughout her 23 years with the Hutchinson Public School District, she taught third, fourth and fifth grades. She was also the district math and science specialist and new teacher coordinator. Following her graduation from Friends University with a degree in Organizational Development, she began leading efforts for district school improvement.

Joyce's mother and two sisters are active P.E.O. members in Twin Falls, Idaho. Her grandmother, Myrna Johnston, was a member of P.E.O. Chapter Q in Des Moines, Iowa. Myrna was the food editor of "Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook". She loved P.E.O. and was featured in the June 1978 edition of The P.E.O. Record. Joyce believes her grandmother would be proud of her P.E.O. dedication.

In 1978, Joyce was initiated into her mother's chapter, HN, Wichita and transferred to Chapter IM, Wichita. After moving to Hutchinson in 1987, she became a member of Chapter HQ. She served in most of the chapter offices and was the chapter president for four terms. She served as the president of the Reno County Reciprocity board and served two years on the Kansas Leadership Team on the Amendments and Recommendations Committee.

Joyce and her husband Jim enjoy retirement in Hutchinson. They have a daughter, Monica, in Lenexa, a son, Michael, in Wichita and a daughter, Anna, in Dallas. They spend their free time visiting their five granddaughters and vacationing in Colorado. Her interests include all things KU, her cats Layla and Lucy, reading, word puzzles, and being the "best Nana ever".