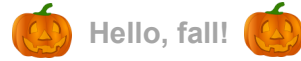




PEP TALK

Programs for Exceptional People's Monthly Newsletter



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Happy October, everyone! PEP had a very eventful September. We hosted our Annual Gala on September 8 (check out the recap on page two), and we were recipients of a lot of kindness (take a look at the PEP updates on page three). Now, we are setting our sights on Halloween and starting to plan for the end of the year. As we enter the season(s) of giving, please take a look at page six for PEP giving opportunities.

We are very excited to be hosting the second annual PEP Halloween Party and Costume Contest on October 31—details can be found on page four. In other exciting news, we will be attending the State Fair in Columbia on October 18 as part of their Exceptional Citizens Day. As usual, our recreation calendar (page five) is jam packed with fun activities in October for our members. Enjoy this month's edition of PEP Talk!

To submit any comments, ideas for future newsletters, or to write a letter to the editor, please email taylor.sullivan@pephhi.org.



Mr. David's Last Day



Trip to the Music Store



Trip to Green Thumb Nursery



PEP's New Bus



Music with Mr. Charlie



Posing on Mr. Tim's Motorcycle



Gardening at Ms. Connor's



Trip to the Park



Spice and Tea Exchange



Seahawks Football Game



Pizza Party



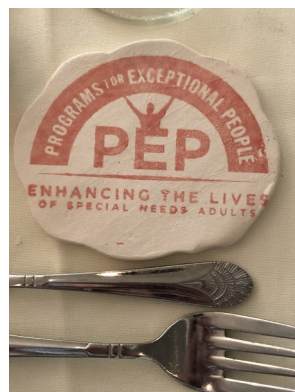
Mr. Steve's Birthday

2018 PEP Annual Gala

Over \$70,000 Raised for PEP

The PEP Annual Gala was held Saturday, September 8 at Sea Pines Country Club. We are thrilled to announce the event was the most successful gala to date with 280 guests in attendance and over \$70,000 raised for PEP! We want to thank all of the PEP supporters and PEP families who attended the gala, or contributed to the event in any way. We also very much appreciate all of our sponsors, and all of the organizations and individuals who contributed gifts to the silent and live auctions. The gala would not have been possible without the help of the awesome volunteers who worked so hard to make sure the evening went smoothly, especially Daniel Ginder and all of the students from Heritage Academy. A huge thank you, also, to all of our PEP board members who helped with ticket sales, auction items, and sponsorships. Board member and PEP parent, Judy Russell, along with PEP's Ceramic Instructor, Kara Artman, made the absolutely beautiful table centerpieces and decorations to go along with the theme of 'A Night at the Beach.' Finally, the biggest thank you to Carol Myers, Board Vice President, for being the Gala Chair this year. She spent countless hours tirelessly working to plan the gala from beginning to end to make sure it was successful for PEP.

It was an incredibly fun night and we could not be more grateful for everyone's support of PEP. We are already looking forward to next year's gala!



PEP Updates

News from September

PEP Received a New Bus

We want to give a big 'thank you' this month to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for awarding us with a grant to purchase a new bus to add to our fleet. This 2018 Ford E450 Phoenix DRW is completely wheelchair accessible and has upgraded passenger seats, power exterior mirrors, and a back-up camera. It is exactly what we need and more.

Thank you, also, to Ken from Interstate Transportation Equipment, Inc. for making the long drive to deliver this beauty to PEP. We are beyond grateful for this gift. This bus will get our members to PEP and back home safely for many years to come!



Check out our new sign at the 39 Sheridan Park Circle location! Doesn't it look great? Thank you to Hilton Head Signs and PEP board member, Rick Graff, for making this happen. It's another step forward in preparing to occupy our new building after we receive a license.



New Wall Painted in Memory of Beloved PEP Member

In order to meet the proper code designated by the State Fire Marshal to receive our license, we had to put in a semi-wall in our new building, along with complete some other minor construction. To help offset these construction costs, which will move the licensing process along, the Tiscornia Foundation very generously awarded us a \$10,000 grant. The Tiscornia Foundation is operated by Ed and Jeanne Tiscornia along with several other members of their family. Ed and Jeanne are the Aunt and Uncle of Kelly MacCarthy, a beloved PEP member who passed away unexpectedly on April 21 at the young age of 30. Through conversation with the Tiscornia's and Kevin and Wendy MacCarthy, Kelly's parents, we all agreed the wall would be the perfect opportunity to honor Kelly. We will be applying a plaque on the wall in memory of Kelly, and we hope to also paint a mural including some of her favorite things, such as flamingos. Several PEP members, along with one of Kelly's favorite staff members, Ms. Mary Jo, helped begin the painting process. We really wish Kelly was here to enjoy the new building, but she is forever in our hearts and memories, and we know she is looking over all of us as we begin this new chapter. Thank you tremendously to the Tiscornia and MacCarthy family for sharing Kelly with us and for this benevolent gesture to PEP.



Halloween Party and Costume Contest

Wednesday, October 31

It's time to get spooky! We are throwing our second annual Halloween Party and Costume Contest on Wednesday, October 31 at noon at Hilton Head PEP. Members should come to PEP dressed in their best costumes and ready to have a good time. We will be awarding gift certificate prizes for six different categories of costumes—most colorful, funniest, scariest, most original, fanciest, and cutest.

It's not a party without some delicious snacks! PEP will provide all sweets and baked goods. We are asking PEP families to please bring drinks and other dishes, such as chips and dip, veggie plates, small sandwiches, etc. to share the day of the party. We would also appreciate donations of paper towels, napkins, plates, cups, and utensils. PEP members should still bring a packed lunch on this day. We would love to have some volunteers for the party, so parents/guardians are more than welcome to stay to help out.

Check out some of the costumes from last year for some inspiration! We had everything from Elvis, to a princess, to a Mr. Tim impersonator. We can't wait to see what everyone comes up with this year! If you have any questions about the party or contest, please contact Trey Hennessee at trey.hennessee@pephhi.org.



PEP is selling tickets to the Italian Heritage Festival, taking place Saturday, November 17 from 11 a.m.—4 p.m. at the Coastal Discovery Museum at Honey Horn. Tickets are \$6 each.

**Purchase your ticket by calling
(843) 681-8413**



The Italian-American Club of Hilton Head Island is a charitable service organization which promotes Italian heritage/culture, while raising and distributing funds for scholarships & charitable organizations in the Hilton Head and Bluffton area of South Carolina.

Recreation and Leisure Calendar

October 2018

Tuesday, Oct. 2

First Tee Golf

Pick up at Bluffton—5:15 pm

Pick up at HHI—5:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Sign Language

Pick up at Bluffton—5:15 pm

Pick up at HHI—5:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 4

Bluffton Farmers Market

Pick up at Market—5:00 pm

Pick up at HHI—5:45 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Bowling at Station 300

Pick up at Station 300—5:30 pm

Pick up at HHI—6:00 pm

*Members need \$ for concessions

Thursday, Oct. 11

Bluffton Farmers Market

Pick up at Market—5:00 pm

Pick up at HHI—5:45 pm

Friday, Oct. 12

Seahawks Football

Drop off at Bluffton—6:00 pm

Drop off at HHI—6:30 pm

Pick up at HHI High—9:15 pm

Pick up at Bluffton—9:30 pm

*Members need \$6 for concessions

Tuesday, Oct. 16

Mini-Golf

Pick up at HHI—5:15 pm

Pick up at Bluffton—5:30 pm

*Members need \$5 to participate

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Sign Language

Pick up at Bluffton—5:15 pm

Pick up at HHI—5:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Bowling at Station 300

Pick up at Station 300—5:30 pm

Pick up at HHI—6:00 pm

*Members need \$ for concessions

Thursday, Oct. 25

Movies at Northridge Cinema 10

Pick up at Northridge—TBD

Pick up at Bluffton—TBD

*Members need \$6.50

Saturday, Oct. 27

Holiday Farms Pumpkin Patch

Drop off at HHI—9:00 am

Drop off at Bluffton—9:30 am

Pick up at Bluffton—3:00 pm

Pick up at HHI—3:30 pm

*Members need comfortable shoes, a hat, a bagged lunch, and \$10

Tuesday, Oct. 30

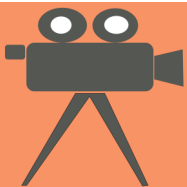
Ceramics

Pick up at Bluffton—5:15 pm

Pick up at HHI—5:30 pm



**PEP will be going to
the State Fair on October
18 for Exceptional
Citizens Day!**



PEP in the News

Click to watch our most recent episode of Girl Talk

Girl Talk

INSPIRE. RELATE. CONNECT

Giving Opportunities

Gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure

PEP is always in need of supplies to operate our three locations, as we serve nearly 50 members per day. We would appreciate any donations of the following items:

- ♦ Paper Towels
- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Hand Sanitizer
- ♦ Lysol Wipes
- ♦ Lysol Disinfecting Spray
- ♦ Plasticware
- ♦ Paper Plates & Bowls
- ♦ Disposable Cups
- ♦ Hand Soap
- ♦ Tissues
- ♦ Napkins
- ♦ Cleaning Supplies

Items can be dropped off at the Vocational Center on the island at 10 Oak Park Drive, or at our Bluffton location at 39 Sheridan Park Circle. Thank you!



You can also donate via mail,
over the phone, or
through PayPal by using the
'Donate!' button on our website!

Give back while shopping!

Use AmazonSmile and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Programs For Exceptional People. Click the link below to start buying and giving to PEP!



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Interested in volunteering?

**Fill out the volunteer
interest form on our
website!**

www.pephhi.org/volunteer-application

The PEP Ceramics Program is in great need of volunteers! We are looking for individuals to spend time at our ceramics store in Bluffton, specifically on Mondays and/or Fridays.

No art experience necessary - just be willing to get a little messy and have some fun!