

PEP TALK

Programs for Exceptional People's Monthly Newsletter

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Happy spring, PEP supporters! In March, we celebrated a lot of birthdays, recognized World Down Syndrome Day, attended several fun recreation events (like the USCB baseball game where Devin threw out the first pitch), and started a new enclave working at Berkeley Hall. Some PEP members took a trip to Vegas for Special Olympics bowling (page two), and some have been training for the Special Olympics Track and Field event on April 5 (page five). We finished our beautiful mural and started a new partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Bluffton (page three). April is looking busy with lots of recreation events and trips to the RBC Heritage practice rounds (page five). Rumor has it PEP will also be planning to host a magic show for PEP members in May (page four). We are also beginning to plan our annual gala and would be grateful for support from the community (page four). Enjoy this month's PEP Talk!

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



Coastal Discovery Museum



Farmers Market of Bluffton



New Berkeley Hall Enclave



Friday Funday



Ms. Stephanie's Birthday



First Pitch at USCB Game



Marcus's Birthday



World Down Syndrome Day



Ms. Connor's Birthday



Mini-Golf



Best Buddies



Cooking Class with Ms. Patsy¹

Special Olympics Bowling

Vegas Trip

On March 4, five PEP members and their partners left out of Savannah with bowling bags in hand. They headed to Vegas for the Special Olympics 2019 National Unified Tournament. It's a two day event attended by Special Olympics athletes from all over the country.

On the first day of the tournament, the athlete and their unified partner played as a team. Jane-O, Matthew, and their partners received a silver medal. Katie and her partner won a 6th place ribbon. Eric, Mathieu, and their partners were awarded a 6th place ribbon, as well.

On the second day of the tournament, the bowlers played individual games. Jane-O and Katie were awarded a silver medal, Matthew won 5th place, and Eric and Mathieu received a 4th place ribbon.

It was a great trip for all athletes, partners, and family members. They are all very excited to do it again next year. Congrats to our very talented Special Olympics bowlers!



PEP Updates

News from March

We have exciting news to announce—PEP is partnering with the Kiwanis Club of Bluffton to create a Bluffton Aktion Club. An Aktion Club is a service club made up of adults with disabilities, and it's under the umbrella of the Kiwanis Club. According to the Aktion Club website, their mission is “to provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their communities.”

The newly established Bluffton Aktion Club will be made up of at least 15 PEP members and is also open to other adults in the community who live with intellectual disabilities. The club's first meeting will be held Thursday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. at PEP. At this meeting, club members will elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Members.

Monthly dues for members are only \$3 and those funds are donated to PEP. After the club is officially established, the club will meet on the last Thursday of every month. Usually, guest speakers from the community will present at the meetings. The main objective of the meetings is for members to come up with service related ideas to serve the community, or plan fundraisers. They will then implement these ideas. There are also opportunities for Aktion Club members to participate in community service projects with the Kiwanis Club of Bluffton members.

Once the Bluffton Aktion Club is established and approved by Kiwanis International, PEP will host a 'Charter Celebration Event' where the club will receive their official banner and certificate. Members of Kiwanis International will attend the event, along with important members of the Bluffton community.

PEP members are very excited about this opportunity. It will provide them with the core values of character building, leadership, inclusiveness, and caring, along with the ability to give back to their local community.



The PEP Mural is Complete! Visit the PEP Facebook page for more pictures



PEP Announcements

Magic Show Presented at PEP

A magic show by Joseph the Magician will be put on at PEP on Friday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$10 per member, which includes viewing the show and food and drinks after the show. Parents and/or guardians may participate at no charge. Pick up will be at 7:00 p.m. at PEP for off-island members, and pick up for Hilton Head members will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Head Post Office.

Please RSVP and submit payment (cash or check) by Friday, May 10.

We are in need of volunteers at this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Trey Hennessee, Recreation and Leisure Coordinator, at trey.hennessee@pephhi.org or 843-681-8024.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are in the midst of planning for our annual gala that will be held September 10 at Sea Pines Country Club and we need help from our supporters to make it the best event it can be.

We are requesting help in the following areas:

- ♦ Finding silent auction gifts
- ♦ Finding live auction gifts
- ♦ Finding sponsors

Please consider helping PEP by using connections you already have within the community to find these auction gifts and sponsorships. If you would like to help, please email Taylor Sullivan, PEP Community Relations Coordinator, at taylor.sullivan@pephhi.org to receive the necessary forms.



ATTENTION PEP FAMILIES

It is that time of year, again—Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) will be administering tuberculosis (TB) skin tests for PEP on Monday, April 29. Tests will be administered during PEP's program hours. A \$10 fee is required before services are rendered, unless previous written authorization has been given. Payment of cash or checks (payable to PEP), along with the authorization form are to be returned to PEP. If you have any questions, or need another authorization form, please contact Patrice Kendall-Fields, Program Administrator, at patrice.fields@pephhi.org or 843-681-8413.



Recreation and Leisure Calendar

April 2019

Wednesday, April 3

Bowling at Station 300

Pick up at Station 300—5:30 pm

Pick up at HHI Post Office—6:00 pm

*Members only need money for snacks

Thursday, April 4

Mini-Golf at Pirates Island

Pick up at HHI Post Office—5:00 pm

Pick up at PEP—5:30 pm

*Members will need \$5 to participate

Saturday, April 6

Annie Jr. at Main Street Youth Theater

Drop off at PEP—11:00 am

Drop off at HHI Post Office—11:30 am

Pick up at MSYT—4:00 pm

Pick up at PEP—4:30 pm

*Members need \$15 for a ticket and a bagged lunch

Wednesday, April 10

Sign Language

Pick up at PEP—5:00 pm

Pick up at HHI Post Office—5:30 pm

Thursday, April 11

First Tee Golf

Pick up at HHI Post Office—5:00 pm

Pick up at PEP—5:30 pm

Friday, April 12

Karaoke and Pizza at PEP

Pick up at PEP—7:00 pm

Pick up at HHI Post Office—7:30 pm

Saturday, April 13

Community Church Friends

Drop off at HHI Post Office—11:00 am

Drop off at PEP—11:30 am

Pick up at PEP—3:30 pm

Pick up at HHI Post Office—4:00 pm

*Members need a bagged lunch

Wednesday, April 24

Sign Language

Pick up at PEP—5:00 pm

Pick up at HHI Post Office—5:30 pm

Thursday, April 25

Movies at Northridge Cinema 10

Pick up at Northridge—TBD

Pick up at PEP—TBD

*Members will need \$7 to participate

Friday, April 26

Dinner Out and Games at PEP

Pick up at PEP—7:00 pm

Pick up at HHI Post Office—7:30 pm

*Members need at least \$15 for dinner



PEP members will be attending the RBC
Heritage practice rounds on April 16 and 17



PEP will be closed on Friday, April 19 in
observance of Good Friday

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2019 Special Olympics

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The 2019 Special Olympics Track and Field Day is Friday, April 5 at May River High School in Bluffton. Athletes will participate in a run or walk event and a ball tossing event.

Food and water will be provided for all athletes and volunteers. Athlete arrival and registration starts at 9:00 a.m., so buses will run an hour early that morning. Bus routes will run on a normal time schedule that afternoon.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the event, please contact Trey Hennessee, Recreation and Leisure Coordinator at trey.hennessee@pephhi.org or 843-681-8024.

