



PEI

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF IOWA

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Beware! Sunshine Ahead!



Are you planning an Orlando adventure for this year? One of your many PEI benefits is discounted travel in the Orlando area! Theme parks, vacation rentals and packages are just a click away! For more information, visit: bit.ly/1L9WnSX

In this issue we you will find an update on a couple of important education bills. After this writing we received the news that the conference committee had come to an agreement on education finance. From what we understand the bill will go to the Senate on Wednesday for passage and then on to the House.

Be certain to check out our scholarship article as the deadline for applications is April 1! What's available? \$8000 for teachers, students, and support staff!

Several PEI activities are on the horizon including a bus trip to watch the Kansas City Royals, our first Annual Charity Golf Outing which will benefit the foundation and have a tour scheduled (bit.ly/1L7qN8G) of Central Campus in Des Moines for interested PEI members and their administrators.

As always, we encourage you to contact us for any needs, questions or concerns. We enjoy hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Jodie Nation

Education Bills to Affect Your Future!



As of this writing the major school financial issues are still on the table of the Iowa General Assembly, namely School State Supplemental Aid (SSA) and extension of the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE), also known as the school penny tax. We received word today that SSA apparently has been settled in committee at 2.25%.

But let's take a quick detour off of those two issues and take a look at some relatively minor bills that have been passed which could have some impact on your school life.

House File 2264 now sits on the governor's desk waiting to become law. This bill allows a student who open enrolls in a new school due to **bullying or harassment** to become immediately eligible for extra-curricular activities. There two main safeguards to keep this from being abused. First, the accusations must be fully investigated and founded. Secondly, it is the school that is losing the student that determines that the violation has taken place, not the receiving school. In other words, the school that has nothing to gain has to approve it. <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ga=86&ba=HF2264>
Read more: bit.ly/1UkXuCI

Up to \$1000 Available in Professional Development Scholarships

Have you taken any classes recently? Are you going to take a class in the near future? Are you currently taking a class that is costing you money out of your own pocket? We have an opportunity that could help you pay for the expenses involved with your professional development costs.



Apply now! PEIF is offering up to 5 professional development scholarships for educators worth up to \$200 each! These scholarships are intended to help classroom teachers expand their professional skills and knowledge in areas of interest to them. The scholarships may be used to offset the costs for graduate courses, or to pay for registration for workshops and conferences. Read more: bit.ly/1S6zpZY

Friends! Fun! Healthy! Helpful!



PEI golf is here! PEI and Independent Insurances are sponsoring the first annual CHARITY GOLF OUTING. There is limited space but space still available. Get your favorite foursome together for a "Best Ball Blast". You will be golfing with PEI members and PEI supporters. We have a great list of sponsors who are helping us make this a success.

We are still putting together the PRIZES and PRIZE CATEGORIES so you will have optimal chances for some great take-aways. The player's package will include many fun items to help your day be memorable. A bonus after-golf dinner and drawing will top off your day of fun.

Email: info@peiowa.org to enroll for the June 17, 2016 tournament at Toad Valley Golf Course, 237 NE 80th St., Pleasant Hill, IA.

What? You don't have a foursome? Whether you are solo, two or three, we will help you be in a fun foursome. Enroll early and make sure you get to play. Mixed or not it will be a great outing for all. Rain or shine we play!



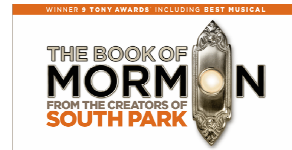
All proceeds go to our foundation for enhancing our offerings in scholarships, workshops, and conferences.



Des Moines Performing Arts Center Discount Tickets

PEI members can take advantage of discount tickets for two upcoming performances at the Des Moines Performing Arts Center.

To view tickets at these performances, bit.ly/1OVk2l1. (You must log into the PEI website or call us at 515-221-2330 for the password.)



Two Great Opportunities to Support the PEI Foundation and Have FUN Doing It!



PEI/Independent Insurance Services Charity Golf Outing

Friday June 17, 2016

Toad Valley Golf Course

Pleasant Hill, IA

12:30 pm

Click here for more information:

bit.ly/1SonxqQ



2nd Annual PEI Major League Baseball Trip

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City

Click here for more information: bit.ly/1Qwey5A