



PROGRAM FOR
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PCE Newsletter for Local Chapters and State Chairs

Fall 2021

Trustee's Message

By Debbie Dumler- Board of Trustees Chair

Happy fall to all our s/p/d PCE chairs! Our fall season began with the first ever virtual Convention of International Chapter. This had the largest number of registered P.E.O.s in our 152-year history. It certainly was groundbreaking with not only its format but also with the number of amendments that were presented. Patricia Brolin-Ribi, from Idaho, was installed as the new International president. As part of her new duties, she appointed a new trustee to the PCE board. We are excited to welcome Donna Corbin, PSP West Virginia to our team.

Donna is a native West Virginian. She attended Fairmont State University. In 2011 she was initiated into Chapter R/WV. Donna worked for 33 years at Allegheny Power. She worked in human resources, accounting and as an employee relations consultant. Now retired, she keeps busy with volunteer commitments at the Life United Methodist Church. Also, in her free time she enjoys RVing with husband, Bob, and their dog, Mitzy. Donna has already jumped into the business of PCE. The other trustees look forward to utilizing the special skills she brings to our team.

One highlight of the virtual convention was the Project Night speakers. PCE was excited to feature Maggie Lindley from North Carolina. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management. Maggie's account of her moving journey to completing this degree is available to all P.E.O.s. Her video can be found on the PCE landing page of the website. Just go to the Projects menu and click on Program for Continuing Education. This would be a great program for a local chapter.

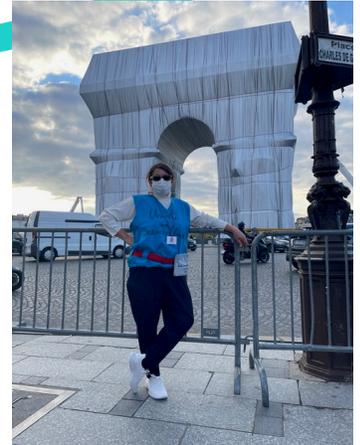
Bright Spot

By Donna Corbin

PCE in Paris

From September 18 through October 3, 2021, the iconic Arc de Triomphe took on a new visage, being temporarily enrobed in 27,000 square feet of reflective blue and silver fabric and 10,000 feet of red rope against the Paris sky. The artistic concept was that of the late artist Christo, who, with permission, began wrapping monuments and structures around the world in the 1960's. Art educator, Magen Peigelbeck, who was sponsored by Chapter C\RI and received a PCE grant supporting her pursuit of a teaching certificate, became enthralled with Christo's work early in her career. After visiting one of his exhibits in New York City in 2006, she committed to seeing as much of his work as possible, knowing that his works were not permanent.

This summer, Magen became aware that Christo's foundation had made plans to honor Christo by wrapping the Arc de Triomphe in accordance with his design. When the foundation requested workers for the project, Megan excitedly submitted her resume and was later thrilled to be selected as a monitor - a docent whose duties would be to become knowledgeable about the project, address questions and offer information to observers. Magen describes the experience as a "dream come true". She shared her dream with her students at Oglethorpe Middle School in Savannah, Georgia by teaching her students directly from Paris while at the Arc de Triomphe.



Support PCE Through Donations

By Beverly Prewitt

Nothing excites a chapter more than carrying out a successful fundraising event or reaching a philanthropic achievement for the year. Did you know that chapter vitality will grow as you work together toward a goal?

Chapters strive to look for project candidates and sponsor them. This can be a rewarding experience but raising funds for the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education is equally necessary to continue our mission. Every dollar your chapter raises for PCE will go directly to scholarships. So how can you help? There are multiple ways to donate to PCE.

Chapter donations play an important role in how the yearly PCE budget is determined. Chapters can donate funds anytime during the chapter year by sending a chapter check along with your s/p/d(s) chapter donation form to your state treasurer. Funds donated in this way may be earned through chapter fundraisers, sister giving, or special chapter events. Your donation can be in honor or in memory of a special sister. Remember any individuals who donate through the chapter will not be eligible for a tax deduction.

Want to achieve special recognition for your chapter efforts? Be a Brighter Tomorrow chapter with a \$500 lump sum donation. If your chapter has more funds available consider giving a Named Grant in honor of the chapter or a special sister. This requires a \$3,000 lump sum donation.

Individuals can donate directly to PCE and their donation will be tax deductible. Funds may be sent electronically via the International website by using a credit card. Want to use a personal check? Download the individual donation form found on the International website and mail to the International office. Remember to make your check out to the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education.

The “Make a Gift” tab on the International website can be accessed by everyone even if they are not a P.E.O. The “Make a Gift” tab does not require a username or password. Simply share the P.E.O. International website address (peointernational.org) with friends or family. They may make their gift in honor or in memory of someone and may qualify your chapter for Brighter Tomorrow status depending on the amount of their gift. Make sure to ask them to enter your chapter letters and s/p/d so your chapter will receive credit for the gift.

Foundation Funds can be set up by a chapter or an individual that will disperse funds or Named Grants directly to PCE. Direct questions to the Foundation Supervisor at the International office for types of funds available and for further assistance.

Enjoy the gift of giving to PCE and spread the word! There is an ever-increasing number of women who need financial assistance with their education. With your donation support, lives will be changed through the Program for Continuing Education.

Funding Grants Today...for a Brighter Tomorrow.

