



PROGRAM FOR
CONTINUING EDUCATION

PCE Newsletter for Local Chapters and State Chairs

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Ellie Spencer, Peggy Goodman BS/ID,
Tenille Wilson

Trustee's Message

By Debbie Dumler- Board of Trustees Chair

Happy New Year! As we turn the calendar to 2022 there is excitement in the air. This is the beginning of a time of celebration for PCE. In this edition of the PCENews you will find information about our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Be sure to read trustee Beverly Prewitt's article about this special event. When planning for this event the trustees pondered on when, how and why the Program for Continuing Education was created. This project was to help women who had discontinued their education and were finding themselves in need of finishing it. The key word here is "need". This is a need-based project. So, in that light the trustees focus their attention on the need of our applicants. This being said there has been a change in our eligibility requirements so that more of the funds can be directed to applicants in need.

In 2019 there was wording added to the eligibility requirements that stated a woman is not eligible if she is enrolled in a post master's certificate or doctoral program. This wording was often confusing for applicants, the sponsoring chapter and the trustees. Therefore, the wording has been changed and is more in line with the intent of this project. From here on forward the wording will be as follows, **"a woman is not eligible if she has earned a master's degree or beyond."**

When changes in eligibility are made it is important to notify the local chapters. The trustees will do our best, but we need your help. Please find ways to get the word out so sponsoring chapters understand the change.

Bright Spot

By Donna Corbin

Peggy Goodman, PCE Chair for Chapter BS, Rupert, Idaho, had high hopes that she had found an eligible candidate for a PCE grant. The young woman, who happened to be the daughter of a good friend, was enrolled in the nursing program (ASN) at the College of Southern Idaho. Unfortunately, she did not meet some of the PCE eligibility requirements, but sensing Peggy's energy and commitment, she offered to Peggy the "explosive" idea of sending an email blast to each of her classmates about the availability of PCE. The fuse was set. Anticipation ensued. Then...

Four – yes, four emails from interested nursing students arrived in Peggy's inbox. Each woman was interviewed and their eligibility was assessed. PCE grants were awarded to two of the nursing students, Ellie Spencer and Tenille Wilson. The sisters of Chapter BS made gift baskets for both women and Peggy arranged to present the baskets personally. As a gesture of appreciation, Peggy also made and gifted thinking-of-you bags to every student in the class that included homemade lip gloss as well as brochures for PCE and ELF. What a wonderful, personal way to let women know that we are on a mission to help them reach for the stars!

Tenille and Ellie will graduate in December and look forward to achieving their dream of helping others through nursing. The PCE trustees are deeply grateful to all local PCE chairs for their loving commitment to ensuring brighter tomorrows for women and we wish that each of you, like Peggy, feel that discovering PCE candidates is a blast!



Happy Birthday, PCE - Let's Celebrate !

By Beverly Prewitt

We are having a birthday and the PCE trustees would like to invite you to the party! The P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE) will be celebrating its 50th anniversary as a P.E.O. Des Moines based philanthropy this biennium and the PCE trustees are excited to celebrate this milestone event with you.

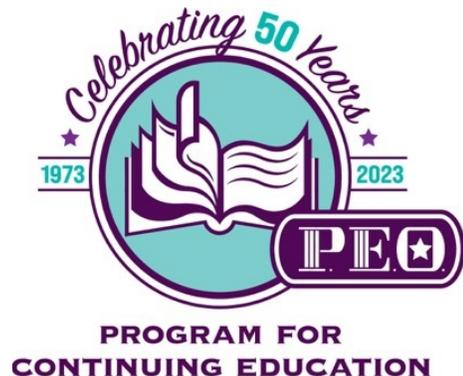
As you might remember PCE was officially established in 1973 at the Convention of Supreme Chapter in New Orleans, LA. The maximum grant at that time was \$500 and thus began the relationship between P.E.O.s and women whose education has been interrupted and who find it necessary to return to school in order to gain financial stability. PCE offers grants to those women with substantial financial need and requires sponsorship by a local chapter. For many recipients the emotional support, encouragement, and ongoing relationship with their sponsoring chapter means as much to them as the actual financial award.

So back to the Birthday surprise. The PCE trustees are excited to announce that in 2023 they will be awarding **50 special PCE Anniversary Grants** in the amount of **\$5,000** each to applicants demonstrating significant financial need and who upon completion of their educational program will vastly improve the opportunity for financial stability for themselves or their families.

How can you participate? In order to help us celebrate these extra \$5,000 Anniversary Grants, PCE is suggesting each local chapter, as well as individual donors, contribute an extra \$50 during 2022 and/or 2023 as a PCE Anniversary Gift. Chapter gifts will be sent to s/p/d treasurers with a notation that this extra donation is a PCE Anniversary Gift.

Individual donors may donate using either the Online Giving Form or by printing the Individual Donation Form both found on the International website and following the directions given. Donors may add a notation to either donation option that states this contribution is a PCE Anniversary Gift.

Thank you for celebrating PCE's 50th birthday and may we each continue to build Brighter Tomorrows for women who value the opportunity that education provides.



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