



PEI

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NEW!

Health Club Benefit!



Four Seasons Health Club in Sioux City, Iowa is offering 50% off regular rates for PEI members and their immediate family.

Contact the PEI office for more information!



**Scholarship Applications Due
April 1, 2019**

PEI offers over \$5000 annually in scholarship money to high school students, college students, and educators!

A couple of new scholarships for this year is the college book scholarship which is offered to high school students graduating the 2018-2019 school year. This is a drawing for ten \$100 scholarships! A transcript must accompany the cover sheet which can be obtained by visiting www.peiowa.org/about/peif-scholarships/.

Also new this year are **half price awards for the PEI License Renewal Classes**. You must submit a cover sheet along with your application for the class. These scholarships are available to all educators state wide.

**YET ANOTHER
REASON TO JOIN
PEI!**



Discounts to PEI members for
Legal Shield and Identity
Shield!

Log in to the member
area of the PEI website or
contact the PEI office for
more information.



Keeping up!

Were you aware some of our students are using Google Docs, the seemingly wholesome web-based word processor, to skirt their parents' tech rules - and maybe ours? All students need to do is open up a document, invite their friends to become collaborators, and boom-they have a private space to chat, draw, share links, upload photos and post memes. Google Docs is hardly a program parents think to block and most kids already have accounts for school. After the chat session, they can simply delete the document and empty their Trash folder without leaving any record.

Paying Monthly?

Even though **PEI dues are by far the most affordable career protection you can purchase**, some people still find it difficult to come up with \$240 at one time. The alternative is to pay your dues in monthly installments.



The option of paying for dues via ACH is open to all our members. Contact the office for more information.

The team behind parental control app Bark warns that children are also using the word processor for bullying-in fact, they say they've "seen more than 60,000 cases of kids ganging up on other children in Google Docs." (The service uses AI technology to look for activity that may indicate cyberbullying, as well as online predators, drug use and suicidal thoughts.)

"They work in tandem to write mean or hurtful things in a shared Google Doc," the company's blog states. "In other cases, kids create private, digital 'burn books' and invite others to contribute while leaving out the teased child."

For parents, it's complicated. Kids always will find a way to connect-maybe you simply see this as the modern-day version of passing around a secret notebook in the school halls, the probably-not-latest example of teenage ingenuity. Years ago, the story was told about how Mitch Wagner discovered some young girls holding a gossipy chat in the comments section of an old blog post of his-because their school had blocked social media, they would pick random blog posts and use them as discussion boards.

The best thing you can do is teach your kids how to stay safe themselves-to think twice before posting something they might later regret (just because a Google document is destroyed doesn't mean someone doesn't have a screenshot), to tell an adult if they suspect cyberbullying or harassment, and to not accept invitations from anyone they don't know. Also, you might want to limit their tech use to a communal family area. You'll have a better idea of whether your kids are doing homework, sharing unicorn gifs or doing something worse.

NEW BENEFIT! HEARING AID DISCOUNT



Free no-obligation hearing screening

35% off Concept C series smart hearing devices

40% off Concept M series devices

45% off Concept 2 series devices

Plus much more! Your membership in PEI allows for children, spouse, parents and grandparents to access these benefits. Call the PEI office at 515-221-2330 for your discount card today.

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