

Isaiah 54:13, "... all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; & great shall be the peace of thy children."  
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**Regular Events:**

[groups.yahoo.com/group/pcheagroup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pcheagroup)

PE - OBU Wellness Center

Thursdays: 10:30 classes, 11:30 pool

enroll monthly - \$3.50 per child, per week

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**Moran Children's Museum** Seminole, first Fridays (\$)

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**Mom's Night Out**, Second Tuesdays, Heritage Church

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**Star Skate**, November 15<sup>th</sup> - RSVP to secure event!

(third Monday this month ... normally the second)

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I awoke the other night and couldn't get back to sleep, so I got up and decided to go through that stack of mail and papers accumulating on the microwave. In the stack was a magazine, or rather a catalogue, full of quality books that teach different character traits. Earlier, I had looked through another catalogue advertising books, CDs, studies, and curriculum on all sorts of topics dealing with Christian life, parenting, worldview, and homeschooling. I looked through them reading the descriptions. At first, I was motivated, but then started wishing I had read this or that book when my children were little, or had used more of this deep, God-centered curriculum, or spent more time tailoring school to each of my children, and so on. You probably know this scenario. For me it was different this time, since I graduated my 5<sup>th</sup> this year and am basically through parenting children and my home school journey.

I started getting discouraged. Then that still small voice in my heart said, "Don't dwell on the past that you can not change. Think about what you need to be doing now in this phase of parenting with young adult children. Put your time and effort there." I began praying for God's direction and wisdom and the discouragement was slowly pushed away by a new hope and goal.

Then it came to me that this is what I need to share with you all. (page over)

# PCHEA Holiday Boutique

Save the date, December 4<sup>th</sup>, for a boutique to show off our wonderful family businesses, and our creative children's talents.

If you or your children have a craft that they enjoy doing, why not make it profitable? Teach some business skills, and money management. If you own a family business, you are welcome to set up a table also. This is open to all PCHEA members, regardless of age.

We will put an announcement in the local paper and hopefully draw some neighbors as customers. If you are interested in having a table, let me know as soon as possible so I can reserve a table for you.

We are still looking for a location, so if you have ideas, let me know that also.

Looking forward to a fun evening!  
Nancy Schwab

## PCHEA Newsletter

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**What's going on out there?**  
Please share information regarding area events. Anything family friendly, fun, educational . . . Get your tips to the newsletter mid-month before.

(continued) While you may not be in the phase of life I am now in, I think we home schoolers have all had times where we wish we'd organized this way, or used this or that curriculum, or taken more time for this or that, or done things more like another family we know. We want the best for our children and family so we read, study, and attend seminars and conventions. We talk with and observe other home schooling families and see what is working for them. This is good. We do need to study, prepare, and evaluate. However, when instead of learning, we begin comparing our lives to a book or another family and end up overwhelmed and feeling like failures, that is not of God. Instead we need to:

LOOK at what we have been doing and determine: 1) Is there anything I can, and need to change to better meet the needs of where my family is now?  
2) Is there anything that I need to go back and ask forgiveness for? Then . . .

LET the past go.

LISTEN. Spend time praying and seeking God for direction.

LEARN. Continue to watch, study, prepare, and evaluate. Seek to make any needed adjustments. Make sure to include your husband. As the head of your household and principal of your school he will often see things we don't see, be more realistic with goals, and balance us out.

LEAVE it at the foot of Jesus. Trust God to help you and your husband follow through with the direction He has given you.

God is good and He will help us if we look to Him and not ourselves. Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9

May God bless you and keep you as you seek to train your children to serve Him.  
Jeri Akin