

**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 5TH DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION
FESTIVAL OF TABLES 2026**



Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Event Time: 12 pm to 4:00 pm

Location:

Pines Manor
2085 Route 27
Edison, NJ 08817

Price: \$60 per person reservations must be paid in full by February 13, 2026, no sales at the door.
Proceeds to benefit the 5th District Daughters of Penelope Scholarships.

What is a Festival of Tables Fundraiser?

Each table has a Host or Hostess who chooses a theme for the table. The Host or Hostess is responsible for inviting guests to sit at their table and collect their ticket money in advance of event. Each table will seat 10 guests, however if you cannot fill the table the Foundation reserves the right to add guests to your table.

Further, the Host or Hostess is responsible for decorating the table with **NO MORE than TWO** other guests according to their chosen theme. You will be able to do this one hour prior to the event starting (between 10:45am-11:45am). Be creative, you will have to use your own china, silverware, glasses, etc. as **the only items that the Pines will be providing for your use is: (1) One 60" round table with (10) ten chairs, white tablecloth, napkins, with (1) one water glass and (1) one soda glass on each table. Every table will also have a table number. You CANNOT change out your chairs.**

The luncheon will be a buffet served on plates provided by the Pines, so prior to lunch being served, and after the judging is completed, you should remove any items from the table that you do not wish to get soiled.

Each guest will have the opportunity to vote for other tables. Awards will be given for Best Execution of Theme, Most Creative & Original, and Best Presentation. Door prizes will be awarded, one per table.

Table Themes will not be repeated, so please contact Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush as soon as possible to reserve your theme. Cell: 732-267-3611, Email: jmarousisbush.dop@gmail.com.

To get you thinking here is a list of suggested theme ideas: A Garden Party, Hawaiian Luau, Pajama Party, Christmas Time, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Diamonds Are Forever, Animal House, use your imagination and be creative!!!

If you would like to attend and you do not have a table to sit at, we will gladly find you a seat.

All tickets must be paid in full prior to the event, no sales at the door. If more than 10 guests from a chapter attend, the Foundation reserves the right to put overflow of guests to another table.

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How does voting work?

This year we are trying something different. We are aiming to make each table anonymous and therefore encourage everyone to walk around, check out the tables, and vote. Please **do not** park yourself at your chapter's table until voting is completed, this will help with anonymity.

Each person will receive a voting slip. Your chapter's table will be missing from the slip as you cannot vote for your own table. From there, each person will **Pick and Circle (1) one Table in EACH category**. Voting for the same table in multiple categories will void your slip. There will be 1 winner for each of the categories.

Criteria for:

- **Best Execution of Theme:** Tells a story for a flawless, cohesive design. Includes everything, decor, colors and style.
- **Most Creative & Original:** Something completely original, new and different from existing things.
- **Best Presentation:** For visual polish and impact.

Examples of Voting Slips:

Ex: Voting Slip

Ex: Good Voting Slip

Ex: Voided Voting Slip due
to voting a table twice

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Check list for Hosts or Hostesses

You will be provided with (1) one 60" round table with (10) ten chairs, white tablecloth, napkins, (1) one water glass and (1) one soda glass on each table. Every table will also have a table number.

Decorating of your table should reflect your chosen theme. Please **DO NOT put your Chapter's Name anywhere on your table**. We will ask you to remove it if we see it.

Host and Hostess set up time is from 10:45am until 11:45am. While guests can check in early, **guests will not be allowed to enter until the room until noon**. Only (3) three people are allowed to set up your table, that includes the Host or Hostess. Please let us know who your 2 "Set up Guests" will be so we can add them to the "Early Entry List". Please note, Hostesses cannot be current members of the Daughters of Penelope Fifth District Education Foundation.

Hosts or Hostesses will be directed to their table number upon check in.

Guests will check in with a member of the Foundation and receive their door prize ticket along with their voting slip which will have their table number on it.

The Host or Hostess must attend a **mandatory Zoom meeting** on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:30pm. If the Host or Hostess is unable to attend the meeting, please have one of the other 2 "Set up Guests" to attend the meeting.

OPTIONAL ITEMS FOR YOUR TABLE:

Decorations of your choice remember to be creative. Awards will be given for ***Best Execution of Theme, Most Creative & Original, and Best Presentation.***

- ☐ Plates (for decorative use only)
- ☐ Glasses (for decorative use only)
- ☐ Utensils (for decorative use only)
- ☐ Centerpiece for your table
- ☐ Guest Favors-Ten (for your table only)
- ☐ Runner or Table Topper
- ☐ Napkins (white will be provided)
- ☐ Chair Covers
- ☐ Don't forget to bring a camera to take pictures
- ☐ Extension cords-please let us know if you need an electric outlet

Please note, **you may NOT decorate the floor or walls and you CANNOT change out the chairs**. Please decorate ONLY the provided table and chairs. You are NOT allowed to give drinks, candy, or any gifts to any of the guests other than your table guests. Due to the contract with the Pines, you cannot bring outside alcohol. **Costumes are welcomed however are NOT to be a factor in the judged tables.**

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE EMPTY SEATS AT YOUR TABLE, SO WE MAY FILL THEM.

Clean up of your table should not begin until the event is finished. Thank you again for volunteering to host a table we can't wait to see how creative you are. If you have any questions please contact Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush, Cell: 732-267-3611, Email: jmarousisbush.dop@gmail.com.

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Thank you for volunteering to Host a table for the Daughters of Penelope 5th District Education Foundation Festival of Tables Fundraiser. All proceeds to benefit the 5th District Daughters of Penelope Scholarships.



THE THEME AND NAME OF YOUR TABLE MAY BE WHATEVER YOU WISH.

However, **please check with Jacquelyn** to make sure your theme is available.
Let your creativity flow, dress to match your table and above all have fun!!!!

PLEASE PRINT NAME OF HOSTESS OR HOST FOR THE PROGRAM:

Host or Hostess Contact Information: Telephone: _____

Host or Hostess Email: _____

Name of (2) two "Set Up Guests" for Early Entry:

NAME OF YOUR TABLE:

Please return this flyer with your money for each guest by **February 13, 2026**

Price is \$60 per person and checks payable to: **DOP 5th District Education Foundation**

Please include guests phone number on check.

Mail this flyer and checks to:

Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush

3408 Sunset Ave.

Ocean, NJ 07712

Questions, please contact Jacquelyn Marousis-Bush, Cell: 732-267-3611 or Email: jmarousisbush.dop@gmail.com.

NAME OF GUESTS SITTING AT YOUR TABLE

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WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND NEED A TABLE TO SIT WITH

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

I am unable to attend the event however I would like to be a sponsor and listed in the program book.

\$100 _____ \$75 _____ \$50 _____ \$25 _____ Other _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM:

Check # _____ Amount: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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