



# YOUR IDAHO P.E.O. CHAPTER HOUSE CONNECTION

*Our goal is to share, educate and enlighten  
each of you regarding our Idaho treasure,  
The Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House!*

FEBRUARY 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Eleanor Larsen Birthday Celebration** - What do Eleanor Larsen and George Washington have in common??? They both have birthdays on February 22nd!!! This year, Eleanor will be **celebrating her 95th Birthday!**
- The residents have started watching the **Downton Abbey** series together once a week and are really enjoying it. We all wrap up in a blanket after lunch and settle in.
- The biggest "story" around here has been the **weather** of course! We are experiencing some leaks in the roof and a bit of a flood in the basement today.
- In honor of the **Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rooster**, the residents are going to study what the different animals mean and figure out what "our" animal was in the year each was born. They will, also, be decorating the table with various handsome rooster fellas!
- **Lunch & Learn** on February 9th - *see complete details on page 3.*



## Moonlight Escapades

In a previous issue, you met **Betty Kinsey**. She lives in a Chapter House individual residence with her pet of 11 years, Susie. One night, last summer, Susie roused Betty from her slumber. Susie needed to "*powder her nose*". Dutifully, Betty let Susie out, then walked to the end of the porch to await her return. Susie, intrigued by something she found down the way, was not much interested in coming back. So, clad in robe and house slippers, Betty walked down the lane to retrieve her pet! Just as they started their return, the sprinklers came on! Susie scurried back. After the original shock, Betty watched for the sprinkler to pulse away. However, as one sprinkler did.....another one caught her from behind! Thoroughly drenched, Betty eventually made it home. The next day at lunch, Betty regaled her house mates with her escapade! And, she has vowed there will be no more running through the sprinklers at midnight!!!



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## Did You Know ...

- ♥ Employees are issued an Employment Handbook which is kept updated and current.
- ♥ All employees follow job descriptions written specifically for their positions and reviewed yearly.
- ♥ Employees follow strict OSHA guidelines.
- ♥ New employees are subject to an introductory period of 3 months.
- ♥ All employees are accountable to the Chapter House Board of Trustees, with the manager acting as a liaison.

## Our Dedicated Chapter House Staff

The employees are very important to the function of the Chapter House. There are, currently, five on staff, at this time. The new manager, Karen Ray, was featured last month as the newest employee. This month we are featuring two employees who work so diligently to help things run smoothly.



**Gene "Kapi" Kaplan** is the CH cook and has been in that capacity for 17 years. He, especially, likes the atmosphere and relationships with the residents and other employees. Things must be running smoothly for Kapi because nothing funny has happened in the kitchen recently. Outside of his culinary skills, Kapi is very interested in antiques, especially the buying and selling of them. He even conducts estate sales. When not working, that is what you will find him doing, plus traveling when he is able to. Kapi is married to a P.E.O, Rebecca Holland,

and between them, they have 4 children. You may not know that Kapi is a Virgo with all of the Virgo traits. If you haven't enjoyed one of Kapi's meals, you have really missed something. It's certainly worth having lunch at the Chapter House!



**Lori Guijjiltron** has worked for 2 1/2 years as Server and Laundry Person. She likes everything about the CH and thinks it is a very nice environment in which to work. She remembers a couple of times forgetting to serve hot water to one of the residents. The resident was so forgiving and cordial and that is one reason she enjoys working at the CH. Laura is married with 4 children and enjoys "going out" with her family. She doesn't think she is very outgoing, but chances are, the residents don't think that at all!







## A Daughter's Thoughts About Her Mother

"Living within the Chapter House community is both special and unique. The comfortable surroundings, care and companionship shared by both residents and staff allowed my mother, **Virginia Griffiths**, to maintain and enjoy her own home.

She was able to deepen earlier friendships and continue to make new friends within this communal setting. And, as a daughter, I certainly enjoyed my visits....getting to know residents, staff and their families; fabulous meals; wonderful conversations around the dining table; and jigsaw puzzle buddies! Listening to each member of the community, I was constantly reminded and fascinated by the wealth of experiences and knowledge gathered around Mom and me."

*Ann G. Montgomery*

### Contact Us

We invite you to submit your stories, experiences and testimonials so that we can spread the word about the Chapter House. Email to [peoch@aol.com](mailto:peoch@aol.com) with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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## Lunch & Learn at the Chapter House

*Join us for a New Year of Lunch and Learn sessions.*

<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, February 9, 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	12:00-1:00 Lunch with the residents (\$12.00) 1:00-2:00 Learning Session
<b>PRESENTER:</b>	Jenny Gould – Supervising RN and Co-owner of Allegiant Home Care
<b>TITLE:</b>	<i>"Considering Care for a Friend or Loved One"</i>

Using her experience in brain injury, stroke, orthopedic rehabilitation and other nursing education experiences, Jenny will discuss the signs to consider when someone might need care. She will also discuss the differences between Home Health and Home Health Care, the costs and benefits provided by both. Information on Living Wills, Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST), and Advanced Directives for Health Care will be available. A Question and Answer time will be open for your questions.

<b>LIMIT:</b>	15 Attendees (For lunch, so register early)
<b>TO REGISTER:</b>	Karen Ray, CH Manager 459-3552   <a href="mailto:peoch@aol.com">peoch@aol.com</a> Bobbie Bonaminio, 459-3104   <a href="mailto:bobbiebon@cableone.net">bobbiebon@cableone.net</a>

These sessions are open to all P.E.O.s and friends. If you are not able to attend lunch, but wish to attend the session, please let one of the above contacts know.