



# Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House Newsletter

## CONNECTION

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

JANUARY 2018

## HOPE HOUSE CHOIR PERFORMS AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE

On Monday, Dec. 18th, Caldwell Chapter BM invited the Hope House Children's Choir to perform at their meeting held at the CH. This was the second year the music group has performed for the chapter. About 25 children of various ages were treated with cupcakes, donated by Walmart, to eat on their return bus ride. The choir also performed at the Holiday Open House held at the CH on Thurs. Dec. 28th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Light refreshments were provided.



## VACANCIES AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE

One of the residents, Eleanor Larsen, recently moved from her residence, due to her illness. She requires specialized care as she recuperates in the months ahead. She was the first to move into the remodeled Harbaugh cottage when it was remodeled in 2015. That cottage is now available, along with #A of the recently remodeled triplex. In the main house there are two available suites. Sue Anderson, upstairs resident, would love some company.

## WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2018?

Several Chapter House residents were asked what they were looking forward to in 2018. Most admitted they don't make resolutions, but did offer some thoughts for things to come.

- ★ **BETTY KINSEY** just wants to continue living at the CH and enjoy it's amenities as well as friendships acquired there.
- ★ **EDITH GIST** will have memories of her daughter's 10 day visit in late December and of their Christmas with family. Her daughter lives in California. Edith had her 91st birthday on Dec. 16th and will be ready to celebrate her 92nd in 2018!
- ★ **MARGARET VERNON** looks forward to things settling down and to her settling "in", as she is the CH's newest resident. She looks forward to enjoying her new home.
- ★ **DONNA McCULLOCH** would like to spend more time at the gym and enjoying Tai Chi classes. She is always looking forward to more visits from her daughter in Connecticut.
- ★ **Manager KAREN RAY**, having thoroughly enjoyed the holiday season at the CH, is looking forward to a serene January! She would love to have all the vacancies filled and enjoy a full house in the coming year.



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## A TALE OF TWO TREES

The traditional P.E.O. Christmas tree, decorated with ornaments from Idaho chapters, was joined this year by a second tree. One stood “majestically” in the sun/TV room and the other “musically” in the living room next to the piano.

The new tree was a donation from Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Stritzke, in loving memory of Deanna Stritzke, former member of Caldwell BT. The musical themed tree, named “Do You Hear What I Hear?”, included many musical ornaments and was decorated by Nampa Girl Scout Troup #646. It was included in the Nampa Festival of Trees and purchased by the Stritzke Family.

The residents love having beautiful, lighted trees in both the formal living room, and in the TV room – it makes the Chapter House very festive!



## CHAPTER HOUSE BOARD VACANCY

It was with regret that the CH board accepted the resignation at the November meeting of Audra Wagner, Chapter G, from her board position. Audra traveled from Gooding to attend meetings while also working full time. Audra was fulfilling her first term on the board. Her position is open at this time. Contact Chairman Sharon Miller (smidaho@q.com) for information. See this month’s “Did You Know?” for more information on board positions.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Chapter House Board members serve a term of four (4) years. Sequencing of appointments is annual, with three (3) new members replacing three (3) retiring members.\*

At the March meeting of the CH board, applications shall be submitted to the Idaho State Executive Board for consideration. New terms of office begin in July.

The application process for the CH board includes a personal letter from the applicant and a letter of recommendation from the applicant's chapter president.

*\*No member shall be appointed for two consecutive terms. However, a member who is appointed as a replacement may be appointed, if willing to serve, to a full four year term following the completion of the partial term served. Chapters may have only one member serving on the board at one time.*

## MEET A CHAPTER HOUSE BOARD MEMBER

**Pat Benedict, BT, Caldwell** has been a member of P.E.O. for 15 years and now serves as Vice Chairman of the CH board. Her experience working in banking for a total of 31 years certainly comes in handy in her service to the CH. She has been an important member of the Grounds & Maintenance committee and now serves on the Policies and Documents committee. Pat has been married to her B.I.L. Randy for 38 years and they have a daughter living in California.

Pat does have time for hobbies, which include flower and vegetable gardening, yoga, sewing and volunteering. She is immediate past president of the Caldwell Housing Authority Board, a 27 year member of Caldwell Lions, member of Owyhee Gardeners and, of course, P.E.O. chapter BT!

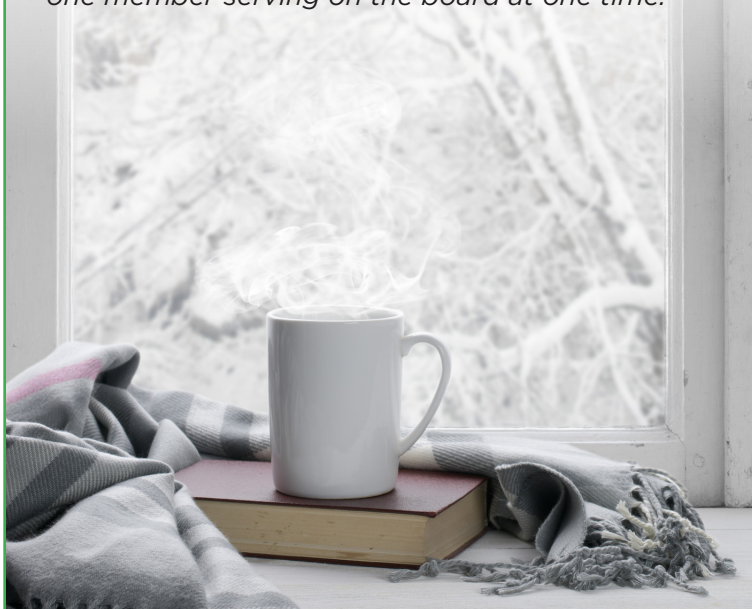
Pat's vision for the CH is *"onward and upward for our lovely, stately lady; 100 % occupancy and a fully updated facility"*. Pat is working hard with other board members to achieve these goals.

### 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 [idpeoch@gmail.com](mailto:idpeoch@gmail.com), with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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## Holiday Bazaar at the Chapter House

November 18th was the day to be at our Chapter House! The four Caldwell P.E.O. chapters hosted a wonderful holiday bazaar! The living room, sunroom, and dining area were laden with delightful treasures, and at reasonable prices. At the end of the day their project assets were over \$3300.00!!

And the Chapter House was also the beneficiary of big-hearted purchasers. The raffle baskets, which had been so generously donated, netted \$898.00! An additional \$161.00 was added to Chapter House coffers from refreshments that were served plus other donations.

Many thanks to our Sisters, their friends and the many shoppers for another memorable Christmas Fair.



**Pictured above:** Patricia Benedict, BT, on left and Roberta (Sandy) Tavares, BM right

## JANUARY LUNCH & LEARN

Friday, January 12, 2018

12:00-1:00 Lunch with the  
Residents (\$15.00)

1:00 Learning Session

Join us for the new year.

**Doesn't everyone need a  
little exercise after the holidays?**

Susan Havlina a P.E.O. member from Ontario will lead attendees in some chair yoga to get us started.

### TO REGISTER:

Please contact Karen Ray  
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*Remember that you may attend just  
the session and you may bring a guest.*



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