



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!*

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**Thank you, thank you, thank you
155 times!**

That is the number of donors who helped the Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House receive **\$8,392** during Idaho Gives Day! \$600 of that total was a prize that was granted to us because the Chapter House was sixth in the Medium Leaderboard (*number of donors*).

Donations began coming in even before the actual Idaho Gives Day, Thursday, May 4th, and they continued several days after that date.

This is the fourth year of our association with Idaho Gives, and, again, the proceeds will be used for a Historical Preservation project. **The upstairs rooms will receive a new coat of paint and carpeting will be replaced.**

Chapter House Board members, Ruth Hicks and Bobbie Bonaminio worked together to make this event a huge success. But, most of the thanks goes to all who donated. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

TO OUR READERS

Your Chapter House Newsletter team would like to thank you for your continued support in reading, sharing and commenting on our Chapter House Newsletter for the past 10 months! The creation of this newsletter was undertaken because there are so many wonderful things to share about your Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House!

Summer time is a busy time and, also, a time for relaxing! Therefore, the Newsletter will take a break during July and August. As September approaches, we will regroup and begin again! Your input is always welcome and we do enjoy the comments.....keep them coming!

We thank our Chapter Presidents and Chapter House Ambassadors for being a part of the communication process. Your willingness to share with your chapter, through printing, email and project reports has assisted us with bringing well deserved attention and interest in our Idaho treasure! The Idaho State Chapter officers have been a great support and have even written poems/stories for our newsletter. This was a dream of our past Chapter House manager, Darlene Harryman. It is now a blank canvas for our new manager, Karen Ray, to express, invite and communicate our Idaho Chapter House!

Thank you, again!

Your Idaho Chapter House
Newsletter Team





And now,

The Idaho Chapter House Needs You!

Many have asked if this newsletter is professionally done! The answer is....absolutely yes!!! It is the creative work of 5 extremely talented and professional P.E.O. sisters, from different chapters, and a Chapter House manager, who volunteer their time, creativity and expertise in writing and publishing this Chapter House newsletter! The Chapter House Board of Directors created an Ad Hoc committee to develop a form of communication regarding the Chapter House. Those who had expressed an interest in taking on this task became our first Idaho Chapter House Newsletter Team! And, now it is time to create our second Idaho Chapter House Newsletter Team!

What goes into creating this newsletter? An outline of monthly themes was created last summer. Ideas for articles and stories were developed and each member was assigned to research the information needed. The current team, made up of sisters from various chapters, includes an editor, photographers,

reporters, graphics designer and distribution/publisher. Let's not forget our residents who provide us with the most interesting stories!

As with any good publication, some team members evolve into different responsibilities and some leave the team for other adventures. That is the case with this newsletter. We are looking for new members of the team! Most of the creativity and work are done online. Occasionally, it is a fun necessity to be present at the Chapter House. Every few months the team meets together, if necessary.

Do you have the talent to become a part of the Chapter House Newsletter Team? We are looking for a team chairperson, a new editor, a new reporter, circulation/distribution, and always in need of photographers. Would you like to join us? If so, please contact Bobbie Bonaminio @ bobbiebon@cablone.net and share your talents with the team!



Join the Newsletter Team!



DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

In my years of working with seniors in Independent Living, the most common and universal comment I have heard is....."I wish I wouldn't have waited so long to move!" In talking with the residents at the Chapter House, I have asked them to share their feelings about making the move from living at home to choosing an independent living lifestyle and what were their fears and thoughts.

The fears of leaving their home seems to be that it is too emotional, too hard to get rid of things, too overwhelming! Will I be losing my independence? Will I like my new neighbors? What will there be to do? Can I bring my pet?

The flip side of those questions and fears are.....yes, for some people the downsizing and transition is challenging but, also, very freeing. As if a weight had been lifted from their shoulders. And, the knowledge that the possessions they wanted to share had gone to those whom they had chosen. Therefore, they had not left an emotional task to the children later.

Having the enjoyment of a home and park like yard without having the care and upkeep is very liberating! You can enjoy your privacy and your gardening, but you don't have the worry and expense of maintenance both summer and winter.

At the Chapter House, you have built-in friends and community and can have as much or as little interaction as you choose. Activities are offered and available if you are so inclined. However, you may enjoy as much privacy and solitude as you like. Pets are welcome in the cottages. Your cat, dog, bird, goldfish are welcome.....no snakes please!!!

"We don't sit around and play Bingo all day! This is your home now....you shut your door and do what you want to do." — Sue Anderson

"Physically, the move is easier the younger you are; arranging things in your cupboard and putting your clothes away.....no one else knows what you want to keep or discard." — Betty Kinsey & Edith Gist

"The bus comes to the front door; the hospital is right next door and so is a taxi company." — Donna McCullough

Please come and tour this beautiful and stately Chapter House Mansion, the five private cottages and the newly remodeled triplex. Add your vitality to our community.....don't wait too long!

— Karen Ray,
Chapter House Manager

Ah...come, relax!





YARD SALE

The Chapter House Board of Directors is planning a Yard Sale in the very near future. The final date has not been confirmed yet. Watch for news from your chapter Presidents!

Items will include furniture (*from a downsizing resident who wants to donate*) and many other treasures.

Karen Ray, Chapter House manager is asking for help with this project. This is a huge project and the more hands available will make it easier.

Items will be accepted from P.E.O. sisters and considered a donation to the Chapter House.

Please contact Karen at
idpeoch@gmail.com,
to be a part of this project!



SUMMER LUNCHES

Please plan to join us sometime this summer for lunch. They're always so good and the Chapter House residents love to have PEO Sisters join them anytime.

FOR RESERVATIONS:

Contact Karen Ray @ 208-459-3552/idpeoch@gmail.com



Contact Us

We invite you to submit your stories, experiences and testimonials so that we can spread the word about the Chapter House.

Email idpeoch@gmail.com, with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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