



# 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!*

JUNE 2018

Dear friends of the Idaho  
P.E.O. Chapter House,

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you for your support of the Chapter House through Idaho Gives 2018. The outcome was amazing!

**One hundred seventy three  
donors raised \$12,440**

This includes two prizes of \$500 and \$1000. Work on the car ports has commenced and the residents are most pleased to have this update.

Thank you for caring for our Sisters in P.E.O. and helping to make the Chapter House and residences an inviting and safe place to live.

L.I.P.E.O.  
The Chapter House Board of Trustees

*Editor's note: Thanks to Ruth Hicks (BX and CH Board) for her work on Idaho Gives for the past two years. You will be missed.*



## GOODBYE for the summer

As we have done before, the newsletter team will be taking a break for the summer of 2018. It has been our pleasure to bring you news and information about our wonderful Idaho Chapter House. This project had long been a dream of the Board in order to pass on what happens at the CH each month as the year progresses.

Thanks to the following team for helping achieve this:

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*Judy Grunke (T)*

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*And most especially Mary Buchanan, (H), who produces the finished project with such great graphics. She has been most helpful.*

We are always open to ideas, suggestions and feedback and we do thank you for your interest in this project.

The team is looking for anyone interested in helping in any way. Please contact any one of the committee or:

Karen at 208-459-3552 or idpeoch@gmail.

*Have a great summer!*

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## Meet The Final Current Board Members

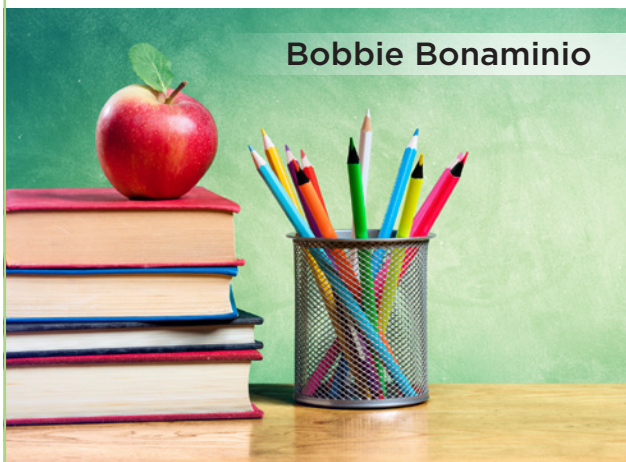
This year we have been featuring the 2018-2019 CH board members. It's time to meet the last two of the current members before we take a summer break.

A chapter member who takes over another CH board member's term, may serve another 4 year term of her own. This is what Bobbie Bonaminio did four years ago and will be serving her 5th and last during 2018-19. Bobbie has been a member of AU in Caldwell since 1976. One highlight of her membership was attending International Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, as a delegate.

Bobbie taught elementary school for 32 years, beginning in California, Boise and Caldwell. She and her husband Ed (Buz) raised two sons and two daughters. They have one granddaughter who is the light of their lives.

On the CH board, Bobbie has served as Secretary since beginning her terms. On the Public Relations and History committee she has been instrumental in the Lunch and Learn and CH Newsletter projects. Her vision for the CH is much the same as all board members...to keep it functioning as a place for P.E.O. members to live on their own, yet have a safe and comfortable environment with sisters in P.E.O.

**Bobbie Bonaminio**



**Priscilla Oja**



Priscilla Oja, Boise AT, has been a P.E.O. member since April 2009. As a member of the CH board she has served on the Residents Committee, this past year as Chair. She retired from 50 years (!) of classroom teaching and being a librarian. This led to her passion for reading at all ages. Recently she had two Little Free Libraries built adjacent to her church for parents and children to use.

She has a daughter and a son and a "smart" Labradoodle named Tipper Marie Pi (for the white tips on all four paws and a white fur pi sign on her black chest).

Priscilla enjoys playing in the dirt in her back yard with plants and tomatoes. After that, she washes her hands, sits reading on her deck and savors the blooming plants, while watching the birds get drinks or baths in the backyard fountain. Her other enjoyment is traveling with friends.

Priscilla's vision for the CH is to have it at full capacity where residents may enjoy each other's support and P.E.O. love.



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## QUILTING IS HER LIFE!

*(Well, that and painting!!)*

**Katie Granger**, one of our Chapter House residents, started quilting in the 90s. Her first quilt was large queen-sized. At the urging of her friends, Katie entered it in a Quilt Show. It won "Best of Show"!!

For ten years when she lived in McCall, Katie was a partner in the business Huckleberry Patches. Here she really took up quilting seriously. She especially enjoys working with wool. The quilt shown is Fresh Cuts by Sue Spargo and came in a kit - 12 blocks, one mailed to her each month.

Katie has made eight quilts similar to this. In a year she makes four or five. While she willingly donates to important causes/needs, most are given as gifts. She has many lucky recipients in her family of three children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



## New Chapter House RELIEF COOK

Kapi, the Chef, and Karen, the manager, are happy to have a new relief cook at the CH. Her name is **Donna Dee Young Smith** and ironically, she grew up on the same street in California as Kapi did.

Kapi will be taking his vacations as scheduled and Karen doesn't have to cook! The residents are getting to know her. Welcome to the CH Donna



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## JUNE LUNCH & LEARN

Presenter:

**Susan Rathke McCoy, Chapter T**  
**“WOOD TURNING”**

Wood turning is the craft of using a lathe with hand held tools to cut a shape that is symmetrical around the axis of rotation. After receiving a wood pen as a Christmas gift, Susan had to know how it was made. Within a week of taking a pen turning class, she had a small lathe and has loved turning ever since. She will show the steps of Woodturning and the special Hidden Treasure vases she has developed.

★ **Registration date for lunch Tuesday, June 5th**  
**(by noon please)**

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**Wednesday, June 6, 2018**  
*(Notice the change of day)*

**12:00-1:00 pm**

**Lunch with the residents \$13**  
*Limited to 15*

**1:00 Learning Session**

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are not able to attend lunch, but wish to attend the session, please contact Karen Ray or Bobbie Bonaminio (listed above). These sessions are open to all P.E.O.s and their guests.

### 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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