



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!

MARCH 2018

DID YOU KNOW?

The Chapter House is available for special occasions other than chapter meetings. The CH Board of Trustees and the residents invite all Idaho Chapters, individual P.E.O.s and their guests to enjoy the hospitality of our lovely Chapter House.

In the past, the CH has been rented for hosting events such as birthday parties, anniversaries, small wedding receptions, funeral receptions and similar events.

Rooms available include the kitchen and dining room, living room (with piano), sun room, restrooms and weather permitting, the outdoor gazebo area.

If you are interested, please call the manager at 208-459-3552 for pricing and additional details.



Women In History

OF THE IDAHO PEO CHAPTER HOUSE

Women in History month is an annual, declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated in the month of March, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8th.

In regard to this, the Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House has had many women involved with the history of the Chapter House in Caldwell.

First of all, the wives of donators Charles Tobias, Dr. Clifford Kaley and Dr. Fern Cole, who donated the Dorman Mansion to the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and Thomas Buckner who helped financially, were all P.E.O. members and most certainly supported the idea of a CH.

Love Miller Smith became the first Superintendent of the CH, after championing and contributing to the establishment of this worthy cause along with Harriet Sturgeon and the members of Chapter F.

The first three cottages, three of the present six, were built by P.E.O. members Amy Smith, Nelle Tobias, Ruth Pasley, Lelia Cole and Flavilla Blondell.

The Esther Hill Park was funded by interest from monies given to the CH by Esther (BM). The sidewalk in the park was given by Margaret Vernon (BT), who is now a resident.

Many P.E.O. members, too numerous to mention, have all had a part in the colorful history of our own Idaho Chapter House. From supporters, donors, CH Directors, Board members, and Idaho State officers and individual Idaho chapters, they are all to be thanked.

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MEET A CHAPTER HOUSE BOARD MEMBER

Judy Grunke

As we continue highlighting the current CH board members, you are now introduced to Judy Grunke, Chapter T, Weiser, who has been a member for 20 years, after being an educator for 24 years. Judy taught Life Science to 7th graders. She has been married for 57 years to her B.I.L. , Jim and her extended family includes 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 “bonus” grandchildren.

This is Judy’s 1st year on the CH board and when not serving on the Public Relations and History committee, she enjoys yoga, walking, bridge, volunteering and her book club. Working with the CH newsletter keeps her busy as a bee.

Judy’s vision for the CH is that it continues to be a warm, caring environment for our sisters and their B.I.L.s. A common wish among other board members.

The PEO Sign

Margaret Vernon first experienced our Chapter House on a snowy day, close to Christmas. She was living in Hailey, ID, a member of Chapter AM, when she and her BIL delivered some jams and jellies, a gift to the House from her chapter.

Later, when the Vernons moved to Caldwell, Margaret joined Chapter BM. Soon she became a board member of the Chapter House. She served for four years, chairman two of those years.

Margaret created “The Book”— the large binder, organized and filled with all pertinent information regarding the Chapter House. This is “The Book” that all board members still use today.

Margaret became a charter member of Chapter BT, Caldwell, and was again on the Chapter House Board for another four years! At the time there was no signage to announce our beloved house. To honor Margaret for her years of time, energy, and efforts to benefit the House, her Chapter BT Sisters purchased and placed the P.E.O. sign.



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The Harbaugh Cottage

Are you ready to downsize your living arrangements? Or do you know a Sister who is?

We introduce you to a possible solution. The Harbaugh Cottage, located on the Chapter House grounds, is a 2-bedroom unit with a newly remodeled kitchen and bath. Included are a washer and dryer plus attached carport. The resident pays all utilities except water/sewer.

It is currently available to rent. For a monthly fee of \$1600.00 the lucky tenant gets all of this plus one chef-prepared meal at noon each day.

With questions, or for more information, feel free to contact Karen Ray, Chapter House manager, at idpeoch@gmail.com or (208) 459-3552.



Remembering Eleanor

Friends and family of Eleanor Larsen, a recent resident who passed away, gathered at the Chapter House on March 22, which would have been Eleanor's 96th birthday, to remember this remarkable woman.

Eleanor's chapter, BM, Caldwell, shared the P.E.O. Memorial Service after which stories were shared of her past life and recent life at the Chapter House. Light refreshments were served which included several kinds of Eleanor's cookies which were favorites of her family.

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MARCH LUNCH & LEARN

- ★ Thursday, March 8, 2018
- ★ 12:00-1:00 pm
- ★ Lunch with the Residents (\$15.00)
- ★ 1:00 Learning Session



Presenter:

Chuck Randolph, Caldwell Historian

Women In History Month

Chuck is a well-known, lifelong citizen of Caldwell who was an educator and former assistant superintendent of Caldwell Schools. He has an intense interest in history and is currently a member of the Caldwell Historical Society. As this is Women in History Month, Chuck will share readings of early Caldwell women among other topics concerning women in history. Chuck is also involved in current projects and will share some current information.



TO REGISTER:

Please contact Karen Ray (208) 459-3552
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- ★ Limit: 15 (For lunch)
- ★ Registration date for lunch
Wednesday, March 7th *(by noon please)*

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, with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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