



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!*

MAY 2017

THE BIG DAY

is almost here!!!

That important day for the Idaho Chapter House is almost here! **Idaho Gives Day** is this **Thursday, May 4th** from 12:01 a.m to 11:59 p.m. Make your donations online at

★ www.idahogives.org/organizations/ ★
★ Idaho-p-e-o-chapter-house ★

Early donations may be made now and will count towards the day's receipts. However, there are advantages to making your donation on the 4th! Several **prizes** and **awards** will be given to the non-profit organizations. Leadership prizes are awarded depending on the number of donations given DURING the Giving Day! **Thirty such prizes will be given, so chances are very good!** Random Golden Ticket awards will be given hourly throughout the day with the donor's non-profit receiving \$1000! The first donation prize will be given to the non-profit that receives the first donation after midnight (MST) of May 3rd.....12:01 a.m., May 4th!

The minimum donation is \$10 and you may make donations in increments, as each is counted separately for the Leadership Award. If you are without a computer, seek the assistance of a friend. You may want to get together with several sisters and have an Idaho Gives party!!!

Remember to go to the website listed above. It will take you right to the Chapter House registration page. Click on "Donate" and follow the directions. If you have questions, please contact:

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Don't miss out on the fun, the challenge, and the opportunity to give to our Idaho Chapter House!

AN ANNIVERSARY *To Remember. . . May 1951*

The news of the day on Sunday, May 5th, 1951 was that Idaho had just become the proud possessor of a P.E.O. Chapter House. That was the day, after several years of building a fund for the operation of such a house, that the Dedication Ceremony was held at 3:00 in the afternoon. The ceremony was impressive and took place on the front steps of the main house, followed by an open house and tea. Five hundred visitors saw this lovely charming home that offered gracious living at a minimal cost. At that time, the main house boasted of a very impressive dining room with lilac wallpaper, a living room with a fireplace, foyer, sun room, lounge, full basement, utility rooms, a well equipped kitchen and rooms for 12 residents with each two rooms sharing a bath.

Presiding at the Dedication Service was Miss Alice C. Taylor, President of Idaho State Chapter. The invocation was given by Rev. Harold N. Nye. The Presentation was made by Edith Ross, Chairman of the Chapter House Board of Trustees.

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AN ANNIVERSARY TO REMEMBER . . . *continued*

Her typed notes found in the History Archives went like this:

"Madam President,

As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, it is my duty, having brought this building to a state of completion, to turn it over to the Idaho State Chapter of P.E.O.

On December 16th, 1950 we accepted the responsibility of remodeling the building which had been such a splendid donation to us, so suitable for our Sisterhood.

With enthusiasm we began our work, only to find difficulties which we had not anticipated, and obstacles that seemed difficult to overcome. However, by perseverance, the plans began to materialize and the building began to take the appearance throughout its structure as you see it today.

Now the gloomy hours are being filled with sunshine as we have reached the time of completion.

Miss Taylor, we now present to you, as the representative of Idaho State Chapter, the Chapter House for occupation, and trust that it will be found adequate for the purpose for which it was conceived."

Nearly 300 attended the 50th anniversary of the Chapter House on Mon. June 12, 2000. This year of 2017 marks the 66th year since its dedication.

LUNCH & LEARN AT THE P.E.O. CHAPTER HOUSE

Join us once again for the next Lunch and Learn at the Chapter House.

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017

Time: 12:00-1:00 Lunch with the residents (\$12.00)
1:00-2:00 Learning Session

Presenter: Billie Farley (Chapter F)

Title: "A Quilt Turning: Personal Stories of History and Myths through Quilts and Quilt Making."
Billie has quilts with personal stories and will share them with us as she unveils them.

Limit: 15 Attendees (*for lunch, so register early*)

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 10th, 2016

Contact:

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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 a contact know.





Our Teachers

They make us so proud!

Four of the current residents at our Chapter House are retired educators. **Sue Anderson, Betty Kinsey, Edith Gist, and Donna McCulloch** have a combined teaching experience of 115 years!!

They have had varied teaching assignments and careers—preschool through 12th grade, **from one-room country schools to urban college prep classes**, from special-needs students to accelerated, in one school district living in one community to several school districts and residing in different states. They furthered their own educations as they encouraged their students to pursue educational excellence.

Sue began her teaching career as a high school band director (*she is a bassoonist*), but when her husband's profession took them to California she was not allowed to teach high school without a Masters degree! She kept taking courses until she earned a Multiple Subject Credential. Among her memorable experiences was teaching the 3 R's to 1st, 4th, and 5-6th grade classes plus music and choir in a private school in California.

Edith began her career at age 17, teaching grades 1-8 in a one-room school. Later she moved on to grade-level classrooms. Introducing "Programmed Reading" (*a program in which she truly believes*) to her first grade students was a highlight for Edith. She loved teaching individualized learning. In fact she just loved teaching first graders!



Donna was invited to lead the "Trainable Program" which was just being introduced in her school. This class was for special-needs students. She stayed in this position for seven years. The plaque on her classroom door read "Donna McCulloch, Trainable" The majority of her teaching career was spent in second grade classrooms. Among her accolades are Volunteer of the Year for her tireless efforts at her community hospital.

Betty, whose career spanned 33 years at Caldwell High School teaching accounting, business, and business law, relishes bumping into her former students, many of whom are accountants and lawyers. One day as she was giving a big test, there was a knock at her classroom door. She opened it to find a lady, mother of one of her students, who handed her the student's baby. Betty calmly shouldered the tot as she continued up and down the aisles proctoring the exam.

Two notable changes in education over the years have been pregnancy rules (*One could not teach if she was noticeably pregnant!*) and clothing requirements. (*In the "olden" days, dresses and heeled shoes were mandated.*) Eventually pant suits (*never blue jeans!*) were acceptable.

*Think how many students are blessed, whose lives have been enriched, because they were taught by these **awesome** educators!*





Repulse the Monkey?

Just how **do** you do that?



Pictured above is Antonia Tamayo, Tai Chi and Qi Gong (Chi Gong) instructor who gave the Lunch & Learn presentation on April 13th at the Chapter House. She taught those present some basic moves including:

- *Knock on the Door of Life*
- *Swim Like a Dragon*
- *Repulse the Monkey*
- *Grasp the Sparrow's Tail*
- *Part the Wild Horse's Mane!*

Antonia presented some background information on these ancient Chinese forms of exercise, then invited those in attendance to participate in some basic and easy movements (*nothing difficult!*).

From this photo, it appears everyone enjoyed this Lunch & Learn event.



Did You Know?

- ★ Nearly \$35,000 went into the re-arranging of the internal structure of the Dorman Mansion to provide better accommodations for its residents.
- ★ Idaho B.I.L.s helped raise a special fund of \$20,000 for the remodel. Thanks B.I.L.s of long ago.
- ★ Idaho was the 4th state to have a P.E.O. home.
- ★ Dr. Cole, originator of the gift idea, passed away soon after the gift was made possible.
- ★ At the time of the dedication, the residents were served 3 meals a day and the cook lived in the basement.

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

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