



# 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!*

November 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Thursday, Nov. 9 – Lunch and Learn**

The program is “Identifying the threats to Public Safety” presented by Sheriff Donahue. Lunch served at noon followed by the presentation at 1:00.

For reservations, call the Chapter House manager at 208-459-3552. Lunch is \$12 and is limited to 15. No limit for the presentation.

### **Friday Night Happy Hours**

Come join our residents as we celebrate TGIF! 4:30-6:00. Call ahead to the manager (459-3552) for reservations. Light appetizers always appreciated.

### **Chapter House Holiday Bazaar**

**Saturday, Nov. 12th 9:00-3:00**

Homemade items, goodies and much more!

### **Chapter House Thanksgiving Dinner**

Sunday, Nov. 20th at 1:00pm

### **Winter Wonderland / Indian Creek Night Lights**

The 2016 Winter Wonderland Event will be on Friday November 18th from 6-9pm, with the lights turned on at 7:30pm.

This fun-filled, FREE family event is held along Indian Creek in downtown Caldwell. The Chapter House will be open from 4-6pm if you would like to stop by before the event.

## Thanksgiving at the Chapter House

Thanksgiving is a time of family, food, fellowship (and football). At the Chapter House the residents traditionally have a Thanksgiving meal which includes all of the above! It is held the Sunday before Thanksgiving, which gives the residents the opportunity to get together with their own families or friends for the real Thanksgiving Day!

Guests are always welcome. A traditional meal is prepared by Gene Kaplan (Kapi) who is the Chapter House chef. Decorations adorn the dining room table as well as other parts of the house. The residents get dressed up for the occasion and enjoy laughs and lively conversation. According to Betty Kinsey, “It is about as traditional as you can get and just lots of fun”! She is, especially, fond of Kapi’s dressing, which is “exceptionally good”!

Kapi is kind enough to share with all of us — (see page 4 for recipe)



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## Did You Know

- The first Thanksgiving Day was actually 3 days long.
- More than half of Idaho chapters consider the Chapter House as a P.E.O. project.
- Resident's cottage/suite rates include the main noon meal.
- The only days during the year that the kitchen is closed is Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Resident's birthdays are celebrated at the Chapter House and they can request their favorite menu for that special day.
- A family atmosphere around the noon meal makes each day something to look forward to.
- Many P.E.O. members/chapters/guests take part in the noon meal by calling the manager ahead of time. Lunch is \$12.00
- During this month of Thanksgiving, the residents are especially thankful for the support of Idaho Chapter members.



## Making a Difference for the Families



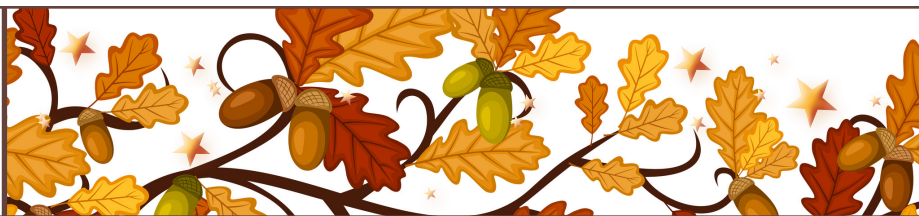
"My Mother, **Betty Derig**, and I have a long history in P.E.O. in Weiser. For years and years, Mother always said to me, *'When I am an old lady, I am going to live at the Chapter House'*. She fulfilled this dream about three and a half years ago. Mother loved her apartment on the first floor. It was just right for her. The rooms were light and airy and just to her liking. She loved the activity around the Chapter House and getting to know the sisters. She has always loved to socialize, so this was a real blessing.

Mother has always appreciated good food, and Kapi's home cooked lunches were always appreciated and bragged about. One day, angel food cake with orange fluff frosting was served for dessert. Mother was so tickled to have this, as it was a favorite from her childhood. She hadn't had it in years and it was a very special treat. She requested it on her birthday. Kapi remembered her love for the confection and served it when friends brought her back to the Chapter House for a visit after she had to relocate.

Mother loved the late afternoon wine parties, socials under the pergola, the lovely holiday decorations and conversations with other residents, staff and guests. The mental and social stimulation was good for her. We both appreciate the caring staff and the attention paid to details at the Chapter House.

My only regret about Mother's move to the Chapter House is that she waited so long to 'be an old lady'. I think she didn't realize how much the Chapter House would enhance her life. She was always so independent and reluctant to give any of that up. When she finally decided to make the move, her health was declining and her stay was too brief. It is a wonderful place for a P.E.O. and BIL to live. Just don't wait so long!!"

—Written by Anna Stark,  
daughter and member of Chapter T



## Chapter House Manager Retires

By now, Idaho chapters have been notified of Darlene Harryman's retirement, effective at the end of 2016. Darlene has been Chapter House manager for 10 years and has gone above and beyond her job description.

A long term planning committee was formed by the Chapter House board when informed of her retirement earlier this year. The committee consists of present board members and past state and Chapter House board members. The committee has been meeting on a monthly basis. An updated job description was written and circulated state-wide and the committee is now in the process of accepting applications. A time line has been established, with a new manager to be in place by the end of the year.

**An Open House Celebration for Darlene** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Chapter House from 2:00-5:00pm.

Feel free to drop in during those hours to wish her well, enjoy some refreshments and mingle with other P.E.O.s and invited guests!

*Darlene Harryman*  
*Chapter House Manager*



## The Annual Holiday Bazaar

November 12th from 9am to 3pm

**A holiday event you will not want to miss!** The Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Chapter House November 12th from 9am to 3pm. The four Caldwell chapters come together each year with their handmade items and great goodies. It is one of the highlights of the year benefiting the chapters as well as the Chapter House.

Hot drinks and sweet breads are served during the morning. Bring your friends and shop early.



## P.E.O. Thanks

As P.E.O. Sisters  
we can be thankful for many things,  
Our friendships, our projects  
and the joy this all brings.

Thanks for Our Seven founders  
who gave us such a great start  
With our Objects and Aims  
and the virtues. They were smart.

Thanks for the 89 hardworking  
chapters in Idaho  
All working together  
to make P.E.O. grow.

We are grateful for officers  
and committees who work each day,  
To make everything work out  
in just the right way.

Thanks for the Chapter House  
a place so sweet,  
To use as a house  
or a great place to meet.

As our P.E.O. Journey continues  
to 150 and beyond we say,  
“Thanks P.E.O.s to all of you  
who make P.E.O. great in every way!”

— Written by Jane Ingram  
Idaho State P.E.O Chapter President, 2016

### Contact Us

We invite you to submit your stories,  
experiences and testimonials so that we  
can spread the word about the Chapter  
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## Thanksgiving at the Chapter House *(continued)*

### Kapi's Casserole Style Dressing

Preheat oven to 350.

Grease (or butter) a 9x13 casserole dish.  
*(Double for larger group being served)*

Melt 1 1/2 sticks of butter, add 1 cup of minced onion, 1 cup of minced celery and saute on low heat. At the same time, pour ready-made bread cubes into a large mixing bowl (about 1 1/2 loaves of bread or 2 bags). Bring to a boil about 2 cups of turkey stock, or 2 cans of chicken broth. When onion and celery mixture is soft/clear, add to cubes and toss. Pour stock over mixture and stir well. It should be nice and moist. If too dry, add more stock.

**Seasonings to add:** Salt and pepper, poultry seasoning if sage taste is desired. (Ready-made bread may be seasoned). Cover with foil and bake for about 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 15-20 minutes or until top is a light golden brown.

### Tips from Kapi:

- Casserole dressing is good if you don't like to stuff a turkey
- Kapi tastes as he goes along
- Giblets can be added if preferred *(not everyone likes them!)*
- Brown it a little longer if you want a little crunchy top
- A little of this and that makes it a little richer in flavor
- Whatever dish you use try to gauge so it is about 3" high

