

Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House Newsletter

Our goal is to share, educate and enlighten each of you regarding our Idaho treasure, The Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House!

FEBRUARY 2019

Why You Should Consider Being a Chapter House Board Member

When my Chapter asked me to join the Chapter House Board, I was honored and a bit anxious. I thought about it several days, made the commitment, and told my Chapter "Yes." I thought, "if not me, then who?" I was willing and able; I'd figure it out.

Predictably, my time on the board has flown by, as time does. It has been the most rewarding adventure! Here are a few FAQs to, hopefully, allow you to say "yes," too:

- 1. How long is my board term?** 4 years, though you may be asked to serve a partial term to replace another sister.
- 2. What if I can't serve the entire 4 years?** We'll replace you with another willing sister. Ladies have had health changes or family needs affect their board service. We understand and are sympathetic.
- 3. How much of a time commitment is it?** We meet every other month, so there aren't monthly meeting obligations. We do our work on committees and meet as necessary.
- 4. Do I have to be a Financial Wiz or Legal Scholar?** Our board members bring so many varied experiences, and we treasure them all! We had an issue come up recently regarding oil



& gas leases, and I had slim to no experience. I put out the word to my sisters, and lo and behold, there were 3 ladies on the board with direct experience! Just some of the fields of expertise are teaching, health care, volunteer work, music, bookkeeping, construction / remodeling, librarians, and historians.

- 5. Why do you need so many members?** Our founders wisely put together a 12-person board. We retire 3 members each year to assure wisdom and enthusiasm among the members.

Our Idaho Chapter House is a unique treasure. One board sister says, "my dear friend lived there many years, she was so loved and cared for that it made the last years of her life very happy." If you have a special place in your heart for the Chapter House, consider our Board. *We need you!*



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BOARD VACANCIES

This is a follow-up to Board Chairman Pat Benedict's letter concerning the need for board members. At this time there are several vacancies and, very soon, other openings.

Presently there is a term for 1 1/2 years, expiring in 2020 and another for 3 years, expiring in 2022. Three members will retire from the board after the May, 2018 meeting. So there is a need for several P.E.O. members to answer to the call!

AN UPCOMING EVENT...

IT'S TEA TIME!

The Chapter House Board of Directors will be hosting a Spring Tea in celebration of P.E.O.'s 150th year. The tea will be held on March 1st. at the Chapter House and all area members are invited.

The time has not been set, as yet, but further information will be sent to all chapters. Put the date on your calendars now and watch for further notice.

March 1, 2019

A Chapter House Book Discussion Group

Sharon Miller, Chapter C, is leading a Book Discussion Group for CH residents, P.E.O. chapter members and interested friends. The beginning session will be held at the CH on Friday, Feb. 15th at 1:00 P.M. The book chosen for this first discussion is *Educated*, a memoir by Tara Westover. This New York Times Best Seller tells the story of a young girl raised in Idaho. She is a member of a dysfunctional family and steps into a classroom for the first time as a seventeen year old.

Because this is the first session of this group, plans will be discussed for further dates, books, etc.

If you have questions, you may contact Sharon at smidaho@q.com or 208-707-0490.





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In order to mark the eastern edge of our grounds and to provide some privacy, a new fence has been installed along the property line, extending from Logan to Pine Street.

The committee chose a vinyl picket style fence, each slat 1 1/2" square, to provide a wrought iron look and in a style in keeping with the architecture of our Chapter House.

Per city code, the first 20 feet on either end are four feet high, the middle section is five feet high. A three-foot gate was added midway to allow easy entrance/exit from the triplex unit.

This project was financed with funds from our fall Wine in the Garden event, from our endowment funds, and from a generous donation given by one of our residents.

Many thanks to Boise Fence Company who did the installation and removed remnants of the old fence, taking them away at no extra charge!

Remarks from those who have seen our new fence include: "perfect design," "true to the period of the house," "sets the house off," and "it looks like it should have always been there."



FEBRUARY LUNCH & LEARN



The History of Dolls

Presented by Marilyn Holly, Chapter G

Marilyn will present a short history on the evolution of dolls, from the earliest known doll to the present. She became interested in making and collecting dolls after attending a small doll club and began making cloth dolls. She will bring a few examples of dolls she has made and collected over the years. Marilyn invites attendees to bring a favorite doll to show and tell. You are also invited to share a memory or story of a doll.

★ Registration date for lunch Tuesday, February 5th.
(by noon please)

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch with the residents \$13

Limited to 15

1:00 Learning Session

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:

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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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