



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!*

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What Was Overheard???

- ❖ When someone asked **Eleanor** on her 95th birthday how she explained her long, happy life – she said, *“By being content with what I had”*.
- ❖ **Betty and Edith** were telling us at lunch how it was outlined in their **teaching contracts** that they had to have their hair done once a week. They also couldn't drink alcohol in public, or work if they were pregnant (*showing*). My how things have changed!
- ❖ We have been enjoying **“Wine Down Wednesdays”** at the Chapter House. We combined our Happy Hour with watching **Downton Abbey** on Wednesdays at 4:00. The residents bring way too many good snacks - Eleanor even made Crabcakes for our last event!

Conversations with the Chapter Residents.....

New Happenings For Them

★ There are new happenings throughout the years at the Chapter House, and at the beginning of spring our residents think of what has happened in the years or months that they have been living there. **Betty Kinsey**, who has been a resident the longest (5 years) remembers how grateful she was when they put in the new ramp. The old one was falling apart as it was made of wood. It was an eyesore when they would sit under the Gazebo eating or visiting. For two newer residents, **Edith Gist** and **Eleanor Larsen**, their new happenings occurred when they moved into newly renovated cottages. Edith especially enjoyed the renovated kitchen and carpeting in her new “digs”. She also appreciated the wonderful atmosphere of the gas fireplace this past winter. Now they are all excited about the current renovations and looking forward to new residents there.

For **Donna McCulloch**, who moved to the Chapter House in 2013, she has seen many changes in residents and employees. **Kapi** was there then and she is so glad he is still there. *“The meals are delicious”*, she says. A change for **Eleanor** was not having any men around, which she is happy about. A new happening/addition she would like to see is a craft room for residents.

Sue Anderson is the very newest resident and everything is new for her. She enjoys the worry free living and having a balance between independence (privacy) and yet being around others. **Betty** agrees with that, as she often leaves to spend time with family.

All the residents are happy with the new manager, **Karen Ray**. **Donna** said she is always decorating and moving furniture to make a homey place for the residents and visitors. **Karen** has activities planned for the residents to do things together. **Eleanor** likes the cleanliness of the Chapter House.

It is such fun to visit with the residents, especially at lunch, where lively conversations and much sharing of these women's lives takes place. Happy Hours must be fun also!

“Thank you for the Chapter House Connection newsletter. You do a wonderful job with this bulletin and we enjoy reading it very much.”

Chapter Z — Glens Ferry, ID
Lucinda Walker



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CHAPTER HOUSE MEMBERS GIVING BACK

Several CH residents belong to Caldwell Chapter BM. For the chapter's Christmas meeting at the Chapter House, Betty Kinsey arranged for a group from **Hope House Academy** to sing for the members. Hope House Academy is a full service, private school on the campus of Hope House, Inc., which exists to provide a home for children who are in need. It is a 501c3, non-profit organization near Marsing, Idaho.

The Chapter members and guests were thrilled with the group's singing, especially the final song entitled "Everyone Needs A Home". Many of these students are displaced and/or not adoptable. The students felt right at home at the Chapter House and were visibly awed by the Chapter House campus.

In return, some of the chapter members made **35 pillow cases for Hope House students** in a variety of colors for both boys and girls. Betty, who admittedly doesn't sew, had the job of ironing the pillow cases once they were finished. Many of the other residents are involved in community activities and volunteering which keeps them active and helpful.

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, April 13, 2017

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

Presenter: Antonia Tamayo

Title: Tai Chi and Qi Gong (Chi Gong)

"Come and Knock on the Door of Life, Swim Like a Dragon, Repulse the Monkey, Grasp the Sparrow's Tail and Part the Wild Horse's Mane!"

Antonia will present some background information on these ancient Chinese forms of exercise. She will demonstrate and have attendees participate in some basic and easy movements (*nothing difficult!*). Dress comfortably to stretch if you wish to participate. If nothing else learn how to breathe deeply to strengthen the body.

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

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 12th, 2016

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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.





Changes I Have Seen . . .

by Donna McCulloch

I moved to the Chapter House in April, 2013. There were two cottages rented at that time. Betty Kinsey, Charles and Pat Kerrick lived in the cottages. Eleanor Hayman and Betty Derig lived in the House. Now there are three cottages rented and two apartments rented. Sue Wilson and Donna McCulloch live upstairs in the House and Eleanor Larsen, Edith Gist and Betty Kinsey live in the cottages. Betty had two dogs when I moved here but a year ago she had to have Jay put down. Now she has Susie who checks out the work the workers do in each cottage. I saw the two cottages being remodeled for the new residents, Eleanor Larsen and Edith Gist.

There were three young people who helped in the House, Danela Garcia, Rosa Huitron and Rafael Pedraza. Now there are two servers, Rafael P., works the weekend and the other, Lori Guijliltron works every area in the House and also serves - they are great! Danela and Rosa have left. When we need someone to fill in, Alexandra, Lori's daughter and Mike, Eleanor's son-in-law help out.

Kapi has been the chef since I moved here, we have a Saturday cook, Vikki Wilcox who also fills in when Kapi goes on vacation. The meals are delicious.

Other changes I have seen include the House being painted, it's no longer all white, and is beautiful. Now I watch as the triplex is being remodeled. Two more residents will be moving here when the triplex is done.

Eleanor Hayman and Pat Kerrick have died and how I miss them. Charles Kerrick has moved. Darlene Harryman has retired and is busy doing other things.

We have a new Manager, Karen Ray, and she is wonderful, busy changing furniture and decorations as well as taking care of residents. She has many plans for the residents to do things together. The residents watch Downton Abbey once a week in the House and have Happy Hour while watching it. Karen has arranged furniture to give the House a comfortable feel.

Did You Know?

- ★ That active P.E.O. members may be admitted to residency in Suites as well as Cottages, but active members with their BILs may be admitted for residency in Cottages only
- ★ That upon the death or need for other living arrangements for the P.E.O. member, the BIL may remain in the Cottage as long as there is not a waiting list
- ★ That in the event an active P.E.O. member wishes to rent the Cottage occupied by a BIL, he will be given an option to move into another vacant Cottage, or be given up to six months to relocate
- ★ When a resident experiences a major medical event that brings into question their ability to remain independent, they must submit a current copy of a physician's report
- ★ No pets will be allowed in the Suites. Pets may be allowed residence in Cottages with the prior written consent
- ★ The Chapter House is a smoke free environment

"Thank you for a lovely newsletter! LIPEO,"

Marilee Kofitz





Mardi Gras Fun!!!

Don't you just love the feathers, sparkles, fun beads and bright colors?!?!



MAY 4, 2017 IDAHO GIVES IS COMING!

"Idaho Gives" is a state wide, **24 hour giving day taking place on May 4, 2017** and it's all online. Since the inaugural event in 2013, Idahoans have raised more than \$2.3 million for participating organizations. This year, the Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House will once again take part.

Since Historical Preservation is earmarked for the donations, proceeds from the first three "Idaho Gives" days paid entirely for the repainting of the Chapter House. Last year's donations paid for a new Fire Prevention System.

Information will be forthcoming so watch for flyers and emails with the particulars that will help make this a great day for the Chapter House.

Put May 4th on your calendars!

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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