

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!

DECEMBER 2017



DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ Visitors to the CH are always welcome. This includes those coming to lunch with the residents, those attending chapter meetings, families of the residents and those wishing a tour of the lovely residence.
- ★ Twice the CH board hosted a "Meet and Greet" time and luncheon for Idaho State and chapter presidents. This was done in 2004 and 2006.
- ★ The residents opened their residences and suites and enjoyed visiting with their guests.
- ★ At one function there was a tour of Caldwell enjoyed by all.
- ★ For information on visiting, having lunch, hosting a meeting, or touring, contact Karen Ray, CH manager at 208-459-3552 or idpeoch@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS at the Chapter House

There are several traditions celebrated at the Chapter House during the Christmas season. On Nov. 30th the annual tree decorating took place. Each year residents and various chapter members help in hanging the many beautiful ornaments donated by many Idaho chapters. These ornaments have been photographed and cataloged. Idaho chapters are encouraged to donate an ornament if they have not done so in the past.

A Christmas dinner is served before Christmas for the residents. Kapi serves a traditional "Chapter House" Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. He usually serves a Chateau, using either a New York Strip or Filet. The trimmings include a shrimp cocktail for a salad, a nice green vegetable, potatoes of some kind (Kapi likes twice baked) and something special for dessert. It might be an éclair or cream puff, or something he's never done. Oh yes, and lots of wine!

A visit to downtown Caldwell takes place before Christmas so the residents can enjoy the beautiful lights displayed each year by the city. The residents enjoy visiting with their families on the BIG day.

Merry Christmas
to our wonderful residents
and all CH employees!



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DID YOU SEE IT?

The newsletter team has received word that some chapter members have not been receiving the monthly newsletter.

Chapter Presidents and/or Chapter House Ambassadors, please check with your members to assure they are receiving it.

What to do? What to do?

Contact Pat Benedict (fisherdoc@hughes.net) to ask to be on the list. We hope you are all enjoying hearing about our Idaho gem and it's residents. Many thanks to Pat for being our circulation editor!



MEET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

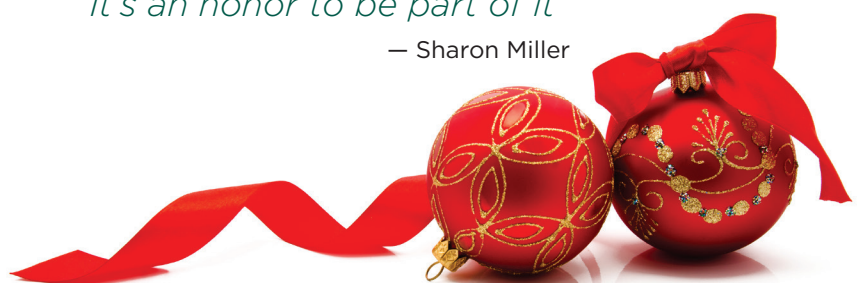
Sharon Miller from Payette, Chapter C, has been serving as chairman of the CH Board since July. This is her 4th, and last, term on the board. Previously, she served on the employee committee and was instrumental when choosing a new manager.

Now retired, Sharon taught elementary school for 32 years. Her family includes her husband Tom and a son and daughter-in law, Jack and Callee. They all enjoy a vacation place in Donnelly. Reading, shopping for antiques and frequenting consignment stores keeps her busy. She also enjoys keeping in touch with longtime friends.

Sharon's vision for the Chapter House is that it continues to be a safe, comfortable retirement home for P.E.O. sisters in the future. She loves being at the CH and interacting with residents, the manager, and CH board members.

"It's an honor to be part of it"

— Sharon Miller



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Considering A Move? *There is room at the Inn....*

The Chapter House currently has spaces available in Triplex Unit A, 2 suites in the main Chapter House, and a recently remodeled 2 bedroom cottage at 111 E Pine. Lovely accommodations are just waiting for you!

As A Side Note. . . .

To keep up with rising costs, lunches at the Chapter House were raised slightly to \$15.00, but the warm and welcoming fellowship you derive is still FREE!

MARGARET VERNON IS OUR NEWEST RESIDENT

The newest tenant at our P.E.O. Chapter House may be a new resident, but she is definitely not new to the Chapter House! Margaret Vernon was initiated into her mother's chapter, Chapter A, in Boise, October 20, 1946.

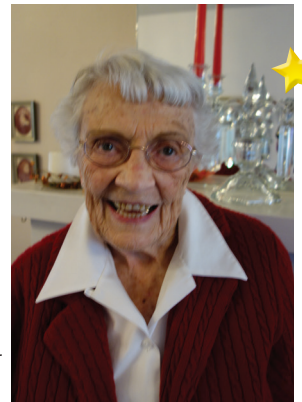
Margaret spent two 4-year terms on the Chapter House Board (*representing Chapters BM and BT respectively*)!!

The P.E.O. signage in front of our home was presented in Margaret's honor by Chapter BT because of her tireless efforts on behalf of the Chapter House.

Margaret, celebrating **71 years as a P.E.O.**, has four children—two sons and two daughters. Her girls, plus a granddaughter, are members of Chapter BO in Boise. Her sister and an aunt were also P.E.O.s. So you can see P.E.O. runs deeply in her family!

Margaret has served various chapters as her husband's occupation necessitated moves around our state. She was also an Idaho State officer for 4 1/2 years.

We look forward to sharing more of Margaret's P.E.O. stories in future issues.



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

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Joe is an icon in the Weiser area, having been the official Santa Claus for 40+ years. He has brought much joy to children each year. He is also founder of the Ho Ho Express, raising money to enable children to go shopping at Christmas time. He has raised a quarter of a million dollars in the past 20+ years. Come hear of his experiences being Santa and learn who and what Santa really is. Let's get together and sing a few Christmas songs too. Fran Woodhead, Chapter AU, will lead us in some "Santa" Christmas songs just for fun.

If you are not able to attend lunch, but wish to attend the session, please let one of the above contacts know. These sessions are open to all P.E.O.s and guests.

*Please join us for some
Christmas cheer!*

DECEMBER LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, December 14th

12:00-1:00 Lunch with the
Residents (\$15.00)

1:00 Learning Session

Presenting Joe Malay, Weiser

Limit: 15 (For lunch)

Registration due date:
Wed. Dec. 13th (by noon)

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