



Ad Hoc Committees

The Chapter House Board of Directors could use your help!

At this time, there are several Ad Hoc committees, two who are working diligently to help facilitate activities for P.E.O. Members and the community. One is the "Lunch and Learn" committee and the other is "Your P.E.O. Chapter House Connection" newsletter committee. It is now desirable to form a "Chapter House Fund Raising" committee to help raise needed funds. These committees are set apart from your chapter committees and are short term commitments.

"Idaho Gives" has been a very successful fundraiser in the past. The recent painting of the Chapter House is proof of that! In the past, a "Wine and Cheese" event was very entertaining and profitable. Perhaps it is time to wine and cheese, again!

Our objects and aims encourages us to "use any talent we posses" and many members have ideas and talents which could be put to use for this object and aim.

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Idaho P.E.O. Woman

(March is Women in History Month)



P.E.O. Members in Idaho discussed the possibility of a regional Chapter House as early as 1933. Chapter F became very enthusiastic about the idea and **Love Miller Smith** served on a committee that prepared a petition for the 1935 Idaho State Convention. The petition proposed the establishment of an Idaho P.E.O. Home. A letter writing campaign began in 1936 and Mrs. Smith donated a \$100 donation to begin a Chapter House fund. Her contribution was accepted at the next State P.E.O. Convention. Contributions began to grow along with portions of local dues being placed in the Chapter House Fund.

Fast forward to 1947 (World War II interrupting plans) and Chapter F presented a 5 year plan for systematic giving. In 1949, the Caldwell Sanitarium (formerly The Dorman Mansion) ceased being used as a hospital. Love Miller Smith worked as the Sanitarium's secretary/treasurer and knew the owners well. The four owners graciously donated the property to the P.E.O. Sisterhood to be used as a Chapter House.

Love Miller Smith became the first "Superintendent" (now called manager) and moved into a home on the grounds, which she remodeled at her own expense. She served as manager from 1951 to 1967. She was, also, a member of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Love Miller Smith, along with others.....Amy Mitchell, Harriet Sturgeon and Edith Ross....were all important in conceiving the idea of a Chapter House as a benevolent, charitable, fraternal, loving and caring home for older P.E.O. sisters. We salute these and other Idaho sisters, especially Chapter F, for being forward thinking "Idaho Women in History".

****Both Chapter F members, Madeline Buckendorf and Margaret Vernon have written CH histories, of which much of this information was taken.*



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Eleanor Larsen's 95th Birthday Celebration

In our last edition of the Chapter House Newsletter, we posed the question: "What do Eleanor Larsen and George Washington have in common???" And the answer was that they both had birthdays on February 22nd!!! Pictured below is Eleanor celebrating her 95th Birthday with Chapter House friends and family!

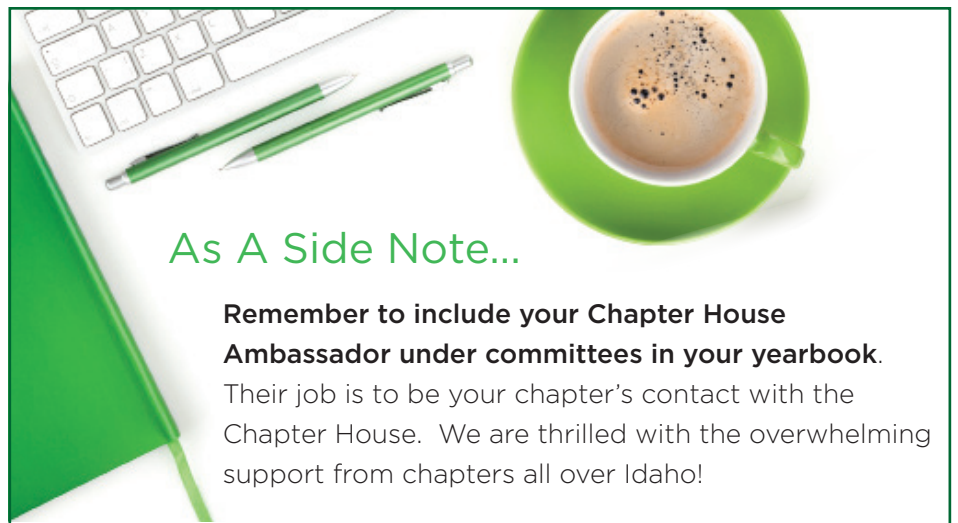


Contact Us

We invite you to submit your stories, experiences and testimonials so that we can spread the word about the Chapter House. Email to peoch@aol.com with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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As A Side Note...

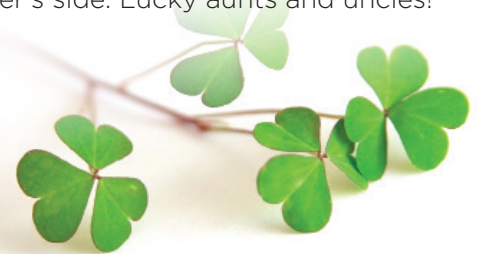
Remember to include your Chapter House Ambassador under committees in your yearbook. Their job is to be your chapter's contact with the Chapter House. We are thrilled with the overwhelming support from chapters all over Idaho!



SPOTLIGHT ON EMPLOYEES

We continue our spotlight on employees at the Chapter House with **Rafael Pedraza** who works on the weedends as a server and so, is sometimes not seen by weekday lunch visitors.

Rafael has worked at the Chapter House for 10 years and he likes everything about it! He says it has been very rewarding, both, personally and professionally. The residents often share funny stories which he enjoys listening to. Rafael loves shopping as well as traveling, which he often does when not working. He likes going to Montana where he has a special friend! Rafael is fortunate to have 23 aunts and uncles on both his mother and father's side. Lucky aunts and uncles!



REMODELING IN PROGRESS....

We wanted to include a quick glimpse into some (*not all*) of the remodeling projects that are underway at the Chapter House Cottages.





Chapter House Valentine's Day with Chapter BT

Pictured left are Sylvia Hunt and Barbara Attebery. Both are long time Caldwell P.E.O.'s who have been involved in music for many years (i.e., College of Idaho, different churches, etc.). These amazing ladies both play piano and organ and hold yearly duo concerts to the delight of everyone in attendance.



So Sweet!