

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!

MARCH 2019

2019 IDAHO GIVES

Idaho Gives is a statewide 24-hour giving day taking place on May 2, 2019, and it is conveniently online! Since the inaugural event in 2013, Idahoans have raised millions of dollars for participating non-profit organizations, one donation at a time. **In 2018, \$10,949 was raised for the P.E.O. Chapter House**, enabling much needed repairs to the residents' carports to be done.

The project for the funds raised during this year's Idaho Gives Day will be the repair and updating of the electrical system for the Chapter House. The electrical panel must be brought up to present day standards for safety reasons and to allow for any future remodeling. For example, the kitchen must be brought up to date in the near future.

It is the hope of the Chapter House Board that chapters and members will participate and share the message with their friends to expand the giving base. There are extra bonus funds for new donors and the number of donors, making this an especially important opportunity for the Chapter House.

The Board asks each Idaho chapter to choose a contact person for Idaho Gives and send that member's name and email address to the Chapter House Boards' Idaho Gives chairman:

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*(Note the "e" in chipmen....
it's the plural of Chipman).*

**Put May 2, 2019
on your calendars!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGARET

A very happy birthday is wished to Resident Margaret Vernon as she will celebrate her birthday on March 1st. How proud she should be to reach the wonderful age of 95.

She has filled many of those years donating time and energy to the sisterhood in so many different ways.

*We all love you
Margaret!*



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Who Has/Remembers A Special Doll or a Unique Doll Story?

At our February Lunch and Learn, Marilyn Lolley, Chapter T, Weiser, presented the program: The History of Dolls. She brought a number of dolls, several of which were her own creations.

Guests were invited to bring a doll or a doll story to share with the group. What fun! And what a lot of special dolls! A favorite story was shared by Bobbie Bonaminio, Chapter AU. She recalled a rubber doll which she received and how delighted she was that this doll even came with a name! On the back was printed Pat.Pending.

If you are missing our Lunch and Learn programs, you are missing a lot! Please look for the flyers and information included in our monthly news letters. Mark the dates on your calendar, come with a sister and/or friend, and treat yourself to an awesome afternoon.



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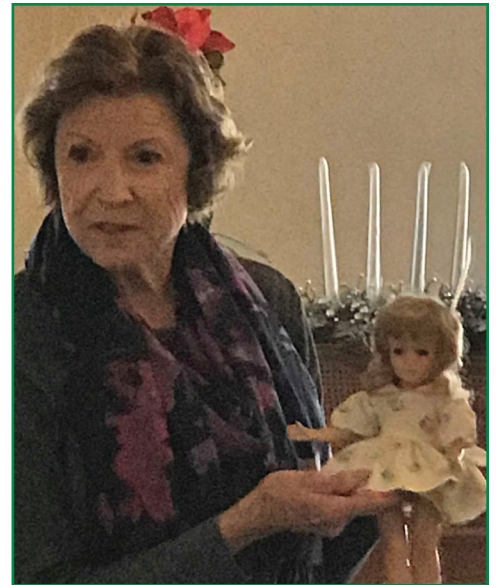
Attention Readers

Past Board Chairman Sharon Miller, Payette Chapter C, has formed a Book Club Discussion Group for Chapter House residents and interested area members. The first meeting was held on Feb. 15th at the CH after lunch. The book discussed was Education by Tara Westover. Questions led by Sharon produced a myriad of answers and lively discussion.

The next session will be held on Friday, March 29nd at 1:00 P.M. again at the CH. Chosen for discussion is the book All the Lights We Cannot See, written by Boise author Anthony Doerr. This book won a Pulitzer Prize in 2015 and was also a New York Times Top Ten Book, as well as a New Book Award finalist.

The book tells the story of a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

If interested in attending you may contact Sharon at smidaho@q.com or phone her at 208-642-3909. You may also contact Karen Ray, CH manager at idpeoch@gmail.com. or 208-459-3552. You are always welcome for lunch before the book discussion.





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A Service of Volunteerism

Many of the residents of the Chapter House have a history of volunteering and some are still at it!

Ann Proctor and Sue Anderson

keep busy with helping children in the area. Ann volunteers at the YMCA twice a week helping with 3 and 4 year olds who call her "Grandma Ann". She began at the Y soon after moving into the CH. She began with the Splash Program, helping 3rd and 4th graders in the dressing rooms before swim lessons. In Ann's words, "It was demanding". Sue volunteers at Caldwell's Washington School for a 2nd grade classroom. The teacher is a friend of Sue's from church. Sue rides the senior bus two times a week to help with paper work and reading, among other things. At one time she also volunteered along with Ann at the YMCA.



Donna noticed they came from Margaret's P.E.O. chapter and mentioned she had belonged to P.E.O. Margaret's influence may have convinced Donna to rejoin P.E.O.

Shortly after moving to the CH, **Edith Gist** volunteered at the nearby WVMC about 2 blocks away. She spent about 2 years there and loved working with handling money and making change. However, when weather turned bad in the winter it wasn't so easy to walk there. No sense warming up a car for a two block jaunt, so she "retired".



Other residents have done volunteering in the past.

Margaret Vernon spent about 30 years at West Valley Medical Center. She began a program there of introducing young children, who were facing surgery, to the hospital staff, the surgery area and consequently eased their fears away. Margaret has a connection with another CH resident who volunteered at Mercy and the Saint Alphonsus Gift Shops. Some time ago, **Donna McCulloch** delivered flowers to Margaret's hospital room.



Lastly, but certainly not leastly, **Katie Granger** helped begin a "Quilts of Valor" group in McCall before leaving there. A group of quilters used their skills to sew quilts for veterans who needed them.

Before her sewing days were over she estimates at least **150 were done** for these deserving veterans. Katie is happy that this group is continuing their worthwhile service in McCall.



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MARCH LUNCH & LEARN

Legislative Session Update

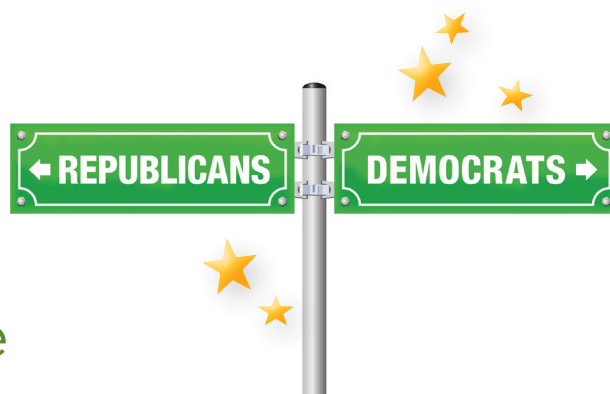
Presented by Diana Thomas, Chapter T, Weiser

After retiring from a career in education, Diana followed a new interest as an Idaho “political junkie”. She served as a county commissioner, legislator and currently as Mayor of the City of Weiser. Following current activities in the legislature and serving on various committees for the local government has kept her involved and connected to our state government.

Diana feels that P.E.O.’s have a lot to offer our communities and will give a short update on the current legislative session and issues affecting us. She will also be available to answer questions or just talk “civil” politics for a few minutes.

- ★ Registration date for lunch Wednesday, March 13th. (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.



Thursday, March 14, 2019

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch with the residents \$13

Limited to 15

1:00 Learning Session



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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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