

Idaho P.E.O.

Chapter House Newsletter

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OUR IDAHO TREASURE

As our newsletters' headings share, "Our goal is to educate, enlighten, and welcome you to our Idaho treasure, the Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House."

Did you know that there are only three chapter houses in the entire USA? Lucky us to have one of the three right here in our state!

The mansion was built in 1910 and is listed on the Idaho Historical Register. It was donated to P.E.O. in 1950. Since that time five individual cottages plus a triplex have been added to the property. The three apartments in the mansion plus all but one of the cottages are currently occupied.

Our residents hail from Idaho - Caldwell, Payette, Parma, Boise, McCall; also from Oregon and Arizona.

We have a suite available in the mansion for overnight guests. We invite you to come and visit.

The Welcome Mat is out!





New Rain Gutter
Covers Being Installed

IDAHO GIVES DAY!

Make note of this date:

THURSDAY, MAY 7th!

This is the 2020 date of the annual
Idaho Gives Day

You have been so generous in the past, enabling us to bring electrical power in the mansion up to code, install new rain gutters on the mansion and cottages. **THANK YOU!!** Last year you donated over \$13,000.00 including a bonus from the program for the number of individual donors (190). Double **THANK YOU!!**

Look for more information in our April newsletter.

Celebrating
Sisterly Love on
Valentines Day.

Cheers!



Is the Chapter House only for the Treasure Valley?

They come from far and wide to be together at the P.E.O. Chapter House. **Sandy** is a **San Francisco Bay area girl**, but a large high school class caught her searching for a small, high quality academic experience for college. The College of Idaho won out and Sandy came to Idaho and never left. As a past president of the Chapter House BOT's, she always knew when the time came she wanted to live in the Chapter House. Her family was supportive of her decision to "leave the farm" and move into a place where you have your sisters there to help, comfort, encourage, and laugh with every day. As Sandy says, *"The Chapter House is just wonderful!"*



"Hey honey, let's pack up the car and head to XXX and see what happens!" That is the story line behind **Edith**. She and her husband **grew up in Eastern South Dakota**, and when they got married after the war that's exactly what they did: Black Hills, SD, California, Arlington, WA, New Plymouth and Meridian ID. This gal and her BIL thought nothing of it! We are so glad they landed in the Fruitland/Payette area and ultimately at her husband's death she moved into the Chapter House. She is a self-described *"Indoors Girl"* and therefore taking care of a 5-acre farm was not her cup of tea. What does she like best about her cottage? *"All I have to do is look out the window. Anything that goes wrong, someone else comes and fixes it!"*



Glenda is an Idaho native who was **born and raised in Marsing**, went to school at the University of Idaho, and as a teacher spent the vast majority of her life in Parma. When asked why she moved to the chapter house she replied, *"When it snows, someone else shovels the walk, when the sprinklers break someone else fixes them. It's just such a relief to not have to worry about taking care of a house."* Does she like living at the Chapter House? When asked, the response was I LOVE IT! Let's take that for a big yes!



Melvina was originally from Meridian, ID. The Air Force took her family all around the world, and she lived in Yuma, AZ for 7 years. After her husband passed, her girlfriend knew about the CH and investigated on her behalf. Mel moved to the CH, and her middle son says he's glad to have his bubbly mom back again. *"I'm so blessed to have found this place. I do make them giggle, a bit!"*



Jackie has lived all over the northwest: Weiser, then Boise, Twin Falls, Boise again, Tacoma, then Auburn, WA, back to Meridian and Caldwell. She likes associating with other women, yet maintaining her independence. Still busy with family, she enjoys CH lunch where the food is always great, plus visiting with her P.E.O. sisters.



JACKIE FROM
WEISER

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to live in this community," says **Katie**, who was born in Lewiston, and lived in British Columbia, Arizona, Challis and McCall, Idaho. "I love this place. It's perfect for me." She loves the freedom to come and go without restrictions, which is a big difference from other residential facilities. She enjoys the weekly Happy Hour and fits right in with the ladies.



KATIE FROM
LEWISTON

Ann has lived in 4 states and been in 3 P.E.O. Chapters! (Her mother initiated her with her sister and a close friend. Grandma had initiated her mother and aunt.) She lived in Oregon for 49 years, moved to Caldwell in 2017 and *"loves everybody here, my new friends, my new sisters."*



ANN FROM
OREGON

When asked how many places she's lived, **Sue** revealed she's lived in 36 houses! Born in Hibbing, MN, she was an only child whose parents moved around a lot. Family was also associated with the farming community of Boone, Iowa (more about Boone, later), plus her father contributed to the war effort by working at shipyards in Washington and California. While in college, Sue often drove by a large, long building she later learned was the P.E.O. International Headquarters! Sue and her husband served numerous churches, living in Marin County, CA, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Rexburg/St. Anthony area, Oregon, areas in California and she later lived in the Grants Pass area of Oregon. Sue says *"That's why I lived in 36 houses!"* She was a member of Chapter L in Eastern Idaho, kept her membership up despite L disbanding, and is now a member of Caldwell Chapter F. She kept her membership up all those years after Chapter L disbanded because the focus on Education for Women and those 7 college girls resonated with Sue!

Somehow, it seems it was meant to be, when Sue, travelling through the area, saw the Caldwell town sign, through the window, and she thinks God had her on a special path as she remembered a P.E.O. house was there. She telephoned a previous CH Manager, Darlene Harryman, and soon moved to the Chapter House. The CH is in a central location between her two children, who live in Oregon and in Eastern Idaho. She enjoys the community around her and she cooks for herself for her special dietary needs. Sue is directing the Hand-Bell Choir at the, wait for it...Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Caldwell!



SUE FROM
MINNESOTA

Songs Of Love

Hand Bells Performance at the Chapter House
by Phyllis Tincher

The February 17th Lunch and Learn program of a hand bells concert by Phyllis Tincher was a wonderful delight.

Phyllis has been playing piano since second grade, often playing piano/organ duets with her mother. In 1993, Phyllis discovered the joy of hand bells! She has been solo ringing as well as giving concerts with pianist Sean Rogers. Phyllis and Sean have four published arrangements of hand bell solos with piano accompaniment.

We thank Phyllis for sharing her hand bell talents with us! All in attendance enjoyed this special musical treat.



Lunch & Learn

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Wednesday, MARCH 4, 2020



From this program we will become more aware of the difficult issues many young girls/women must face growing up.

The purpose of the program, Days for Girls, is to educate marginalized women throughout the world about menstruation. Its mission is to provide pads and accessories to as many girls/women as possible.

Anna Stark, P.E.O. Chapter T, our presenter, will share heart warming stories about how lives are changed because of this program - both by educating recipients and by bringing groups of women (across the U.S. and the world) together to sew, package, and ship the needed items..

TO REGISTER (by noon Monday., March 2nd) PLEASE CONTACT:

Jane Albert • (208) 459-3552 • idpeoch@gmail.com or

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch with the residents • \$13.00
(Limited to 15)

1:00 pm
Program with Anna Stark

NOTE: If you are not able to attend lunch, but wish to attend the session, please contact Jane Albert (listed to the left). These sessions are open to all P.E.O.s and their guests.

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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