

Idaho P.E.O.

Chapter House Newsletter



Our goal is to share, educate, enlighten, and welcome each of you to our Idaho treasure, The Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House.



MAY 2020

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MAY 7, 2020

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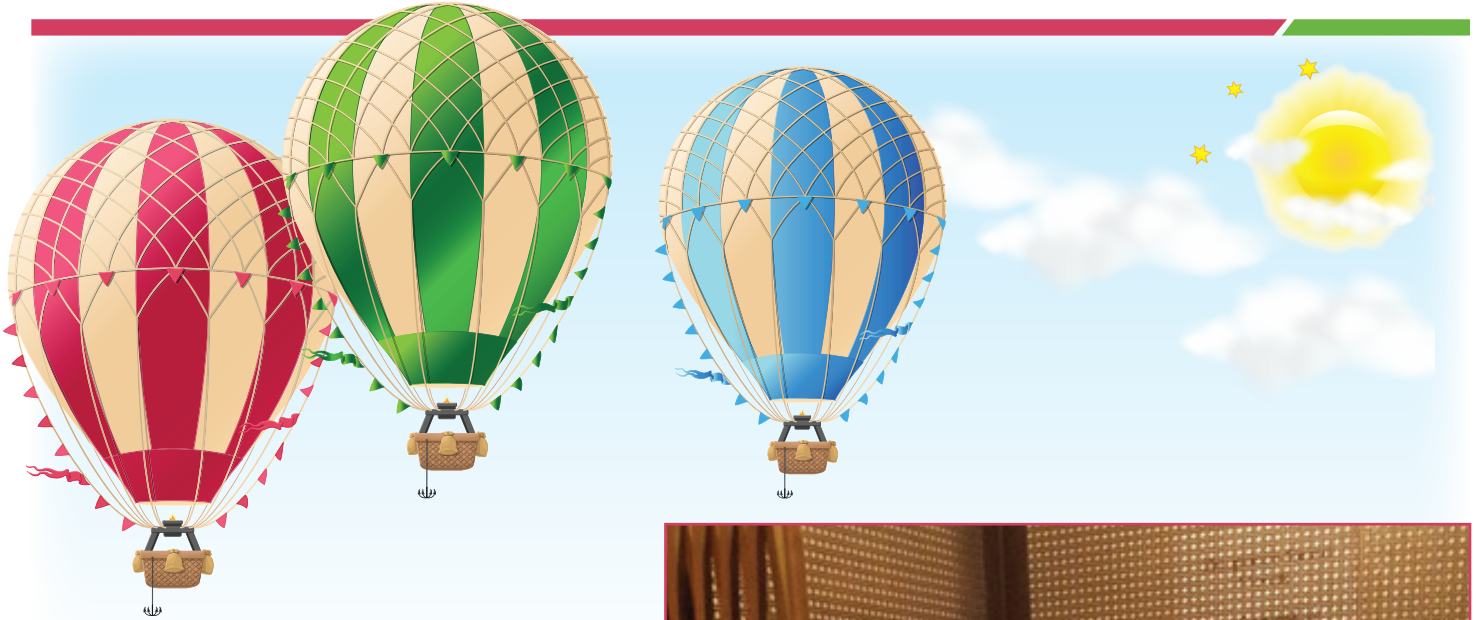
Idaho Gives provides us the opportunity to support many worthwhile Idaho non-profits. We earnestly hope you will remember the Chapter House, especially this year.

Our dear residents have been coping well with the COVID-19 virus by sheltering in place, like the troopers they are. However, we recently had an urgent need above and beyond our day-to-day expenses. Our elevator, ours is called an Elevette, needed repairing! This Elevette provides our ladies with steady transport between the first and second floors of our Chapter Home, and it was not merely a matter of a new bearing, but parts had to be newly machined and installed. So, we need to replenish our funds and we look to you, dear sisters. We are so fortunate it didn't have to be replaced!

Working together as a group of dedicated donors, we have achieved much. We have been fortunate to win multiple bonus prizes from Idaho Gives in the past for our number of donors and our new donors (yes, we need YOU,) and we hope you will visit the Idaho Gives website:

 <http://idahogives.org>

- Scroll down to **Join These Organizations**
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- The **P.E.O. Chapter House of Idaho** is listed on page 16. (You can also search by name: *P.E.O. Chapter House of Idaho*, or Location: *Caldwell, Id.*)



What's the old saying?

**“What goes up
must come down!”**

If only.... The Chapter House elevator, circa 1950's had major issues recently. It was squawking like a wounded duck, and was deemed unsafe for use.

Brad, the elevator man, came to the rescue. For 12 days the ladies of the house did not have a working elevator, but ultimately with a new set of bearings, new drums, and new cables, the old girl is back up and running like a fine Swiss watch. And are the ladies happy? Picture speaks a 1000 words.

It's all thumbs up now.

We are so appreciative of Brad and his company for going the extra mile to fix this necessary part of the Chapter House. It wasn't a cheap fix, but needed to be done to keep our residents safe and comfortable.



What To Do When A Coronavirus Comes To A Town Near You!



Our Chapter House residents are proving what a resilient group of gals they are!

While **Edith** reports she gets tired of “talking to myself - especially when nobody answers!”, this virus has reinforced her feelings of gratitude knowing that she has friends.

Ann, who always maintains a positive attitude, has been using this quarantine period to “make goodies for the gals.” Being extra careful by using gloves, tongs, large spoons, Ann has created ChexMix, Rice Krispie bars, and oatmeal/raisin cookies for her fellow residents. She tucks the treats into Ziploc bags, fills a basket, and places it on her front porch railing for her sisters to take and enjoy. While allergies have tended to be the bane of Ann’s existence each fall and spring, this year, being forced to stay in, Ann finds that her allergic reactions have been greatly reduced!



Glenda, one of three residents who have apartments on the second story of our mansion, reports that they are all “hunkered up!” She shared that she has been doing a lot of reading, spending time on her computer, and visiting with her kids and grandkids via Zoom.

Glenda was the first person to ride the newly refurbished elevator and says that it is fun - SO quiet as it assures a safe trip up or down.

Sandy gets outside to walk each day. As she passes by her P.E.O. sisters’ abodes, she lifts and extends her cane to tap on their windows. This rapping is rewarded with a door opening and a warm greeting shared, remembering, of course, safe distance protocol. Sandy, too, has been doing a lot of reading; she looks forward to the day when they can resume their book discussions.

The “**mansion dwellers**” report missing having all of the residents at the table to partake of Kapi’s delicious, healthful, gourmet meals. Everyone discloses the joy of coming together under the gazebo, mindful of maintaining six-foot distances, for weekly Happy Hour celebrations, complete with delicious goodies made and served by our manager Jane.

Speaking of **Jane**, our residents are unanimous in singing her praises as she cares for all during this pandemic.

To be continued...

Together in heart and spirit – while staying safe.

