

# 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.

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## Earrings For Our Residents

Roberta (Sandy) Tavares is a resident of the Chapter House and loves her upstairs apartment. She has family close by, one of whom made earrings for the ladies in the Chapter House.

This person is her great granddaughter, **Gwen Parker, age 14**, in the 8th grade of Homedale Middle School. Gwen brightened the lives of Chapter House residents when in the first part of 2020 she hand made earrings for them. She similarly did so for a nursing home in Homedale.



## Four Openings on Chapter House Board

**Needed-a few good ladies!!**

This spring there will be four (4) openings for members of our Chapter House Board.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?** Please contact the Chapter House (208) 459-3552. Ask for Jennifer, Chapter House manager, for more information and an application form.

What a great way to get acquainted with our delightful residents, learn more about the Chapter House, and share your ideas and talents, working with other Board members.

*We would love  
to have you  
join us!*





## Cottey College Benefit

Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House is so fortunate to have residents who bring with them a bounty of relationships. **Roberta (Sandy) Tavares** did a lot for Cottey College. As a person familiar with the Caldwell School System she endeavored to acquaint young women in Canyon Springs High School and to help them apply for all the scholarships and travel expenses afforded to those who applied at Cottey. We have three from Area III who went to Cottey College as a result of Sandy's influence and assistance.



Roberta (Sandy) Tavares



Historic Main Hall - built in 1884



Cottey College Chapel



Rubie Burton Academic Center



Hinkhouse Center



Ross Library



## Chapter House History

As you ascend the front porch steps and enter through the front door of our beloved Chapter House you are stepping back into history.

Our Idaho State Chapter House, built in 1910, began its life as the family home of Henry and Ida Dorman. *(It is now listed on the historical registry.)*

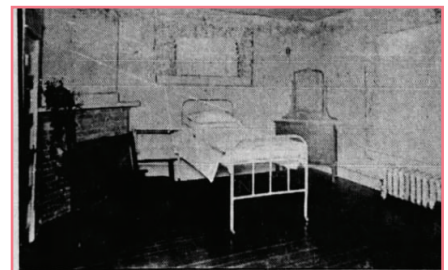
When the Dormans moved to Boise in 1919, this house was sold to a partnership of local doctors. It was converted to a private hospital, The Caldwell Sanitarium. It remained as such for the next 30 years, closing its doors in 1949 when plans were underway for a new community hospital.

In 1950 the building, plus a large cash donation for its renovation, was given to the Idaho P.E.O. Sisterhood. P.E.O. sisters had long wished for an independent living home for their senior members. When this generous gift was offered, the B.I.L.s stated:

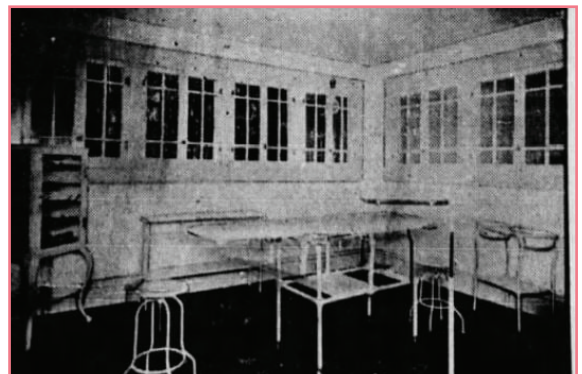
“We want this gift from B.I.L.s to express the great admiration the husbands, fathers, and brothers have for the outstanding women who make up the P.E.O. Chapter of our State.”



Caldwell Sanitarium



Individual Ward Rooms



Operating Room



# THE HISTORY OF VALENTINE'S DAY

## For all of our History Teachers Out There

Valentine's Day occurs every February 14. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious Saint and where did these traditions come from?

**The history of Valentine's Day**—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least **three different saints named Valentine** or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

### Valentine #1:

One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

The above article taken from: [www.History.com](http://www.History.com)

### Valentine #2:

Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

### Valentine #3:

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.



### 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](mailto:idpeoch@gmail.com), with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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