

Idaho P.E.O.

Chapter House February 2023 Newsletter

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



Apartments Available

We have two bright and spacious suites on the second floor in the mansion. Both are available immediately.

We will also have a two bedroom/ two bath cottage available at the beginning of March. This cottage has been recently updated with a new walk-in shower and new flooring and paint.

Contact Jennifer at

208-459-3552 or

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for more information or to view any of the apartments.

Holiday Thank You

Many thanks to resident Linda's daughter, Tressa, as well as her daughter Cara and Norwegian exchange student Sophia for providing our exterior Christmas lights and decorations. This is the second year they have made the Chapter House festive and beautiful.

Holiday Gatherings

The Chapter House Board of Trustees hosted a holiday Happy Hour in December with gifts for the residents and food, drinks and conversation all around. In January, the staff and residents gathered for their annual Christmas dinner year due to many scheduling conflicts in December. Despite the late date, we celebrated in style with a delicious meal.





Christmas Dinner



Beautiful Table • Fabulous Food
shared with beloved sisters.



Cottage Renovations

We are in the process of updating the Mitchell cottage at 112 E. Logan. Any major renovations require the stars to align, with the cottage being empty and donations available simultaneously.

This cottage will be getting an upgraded new electrical panel to replace the original 60 amp service installed when the cottage was built in 1955. The kitchen appliances will be replaced and relocated to maximize space along with new flooring and paint throughout.

The Chapter House would like to thank current board vice chair Mary Jo Nyblad for rounding up the Demo Dollies to remove and haul away the old carpet. We are also grateful to former board chair Nancy Daniels and her BIL Brent for volunteering many hours to pull staples from the floors in the cottage.

Our newest resident is very excited to move in and our fingers are crossed that everything will be ready by early March.

The “Demo Dollies” hard at work





History of Tapas

The Residents Committee of the Board hosted a happy hour in January featuring wine and appetizers from Spain. **Board member Carolyn Miller** educated everyone on the history of tapas or Spanish small bites.

According to legend, the custom of serving tapas was started by King Alfonso X The Wise who was prescribed large quantities of wine while recovering from an illness. He accompanied his wine with small portions of food. The king then insisted that every household in the kingdom should serve a small portion of food alongside the drink to prevent public drunkenness.

The Spanish word tapas comes from the verb *taper*, meaning **'to cover.'** In Spanish a tapa is also the word for a lid. Another historical account shares that barkeepers covered their customers' drinks with a slice of bread and small piece of cheese and ham as a way to prevent dust and flies from entering the customer's glass.

No matter the history, the wine and tapas served at the Chapter House happy hour were a big hit and there was no public drunkenness.



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 ideoch@gmail.com, with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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