

# Idaho P.E.O.

Chapter House  
September 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.



## OUR ELEVATOR

### 91 & Done

Sadly, the elevator in the mansion has given up. The motor was built in 1932 and, not surprisingly, there don't seem to be any replacement motors from that era sitting on the shelves. At 91 years old, she's been of great service.

We are working with Northwest Elevator to come up with options for repair or replacement of some kind but the combination of lack of motor parts and Idaho state codes for elevators is making the process slow and tedious.

Our two upstairs residents Donna and Edith have been relocated to a 2-bedroom apartment in the triplex until we have a safe and

compliant option for getting them up and down the stairs. They have been so patient and understanding of a very difficult situation but are very much looking forward to returning to their homes.

Whatever solution we come up with will be very expensive so we will be starting a special fund raising effort for the final solution once we find it.



## OPENINGS

### at the Chapter House

We currently have one apartment in the mansion available for immediate occupancy. This is a sunny and bright three-room apartment with a private bathroom and lots of storage.

The two-bedroom, two bath apartment in the triplex will be available at some point but is currently occupied by one of the mansion residents while the elevator in the mansion is out of commission.

We have a new resident, Linda, who has just moved into the vacant cottage at 125 E. Pine. Look for more about Linda in an upcoming issue of the newsletter.

As always, if you are interested in finding out more about living at the Chapter House, please contact:

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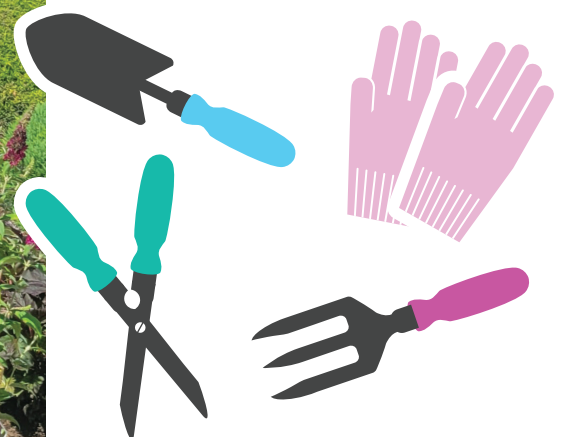
## Chapter BU Gardeners *Extraordinaire*

A dedicated group of gardeners from Chapter BU, along with resident Fran, came out in June to whip one of our beds into shape.

They tackled the muddy task of removing some old weed barrier along with a bunch of weeds, then planting three new butterfly bushes. Then they moved on to deadheading irises and pulling groundcover.



The ladies from this chapter have been among our most dedicated and consistent volunteers. **Their help and support are greatly appreciated!**





## New Board of Trustees

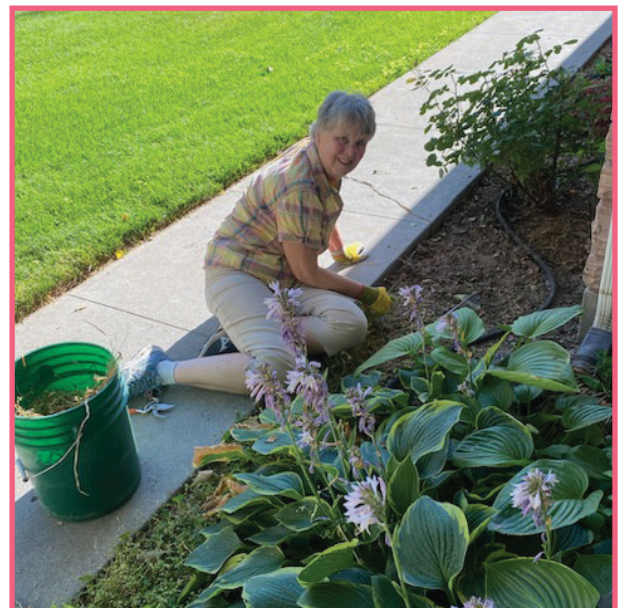
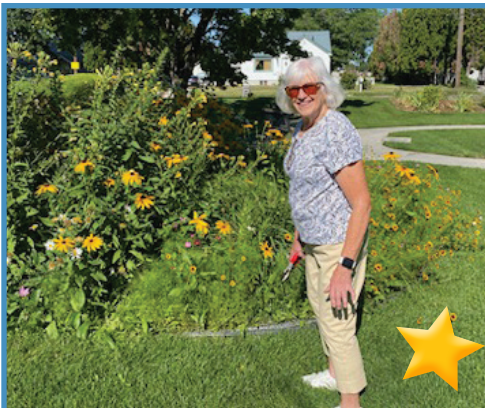


The new Board of Trustees, plus new ISC Secretary Margaret Hofacker, gathered in July and started the new board year with a work party.

We had a very productive morning, but more importantly, we enjoyed getting to know each other, laughing together, and accomplishing a little gardening! The morning of the Chapter House's Board of Trustees meeting several of the board members arrived early to prune the lilacs and roses, clear roof debris, weed and spread bark. As the saying goes, many hands make light work and our combined ten or twelve hands made a huge difference!

The Chapter House hires a weekly service to mow, spray and keep the sprinkler heads hitting all the right spots but relies on the rest of us to do the summer gardening. If you enjoy gardening, please consider joining us. Once or twice a month for a couple of hours will help considerably. You (and your BIL is welcome too) will love chatting with the residents, maybe staying for lunch, and perhaps meeting some new sisters. Scheduling work time is easy, just give Jennifer a call or email her at the Chapter House. Her contact info is [idpeoch@gmail.com](mailto:idpeoch@gmail.com) or 208-459-3552.

Special thanks to new board member Candace Vroman and her BIL for several extra days of weeding, spreading bark, and tending to the beds around the triplex.





## New Irrigation Shed

Board chair **Mary Jo Nyblad** and the **Demo Dollies** spent a Sunday removing the irrigation pump house and installing a brand-new shed. The wooden structure of the old pump house was rotting and crumbling so this is a welcome upgrade. We are thankful for their generosity.



## Shout Out to Chapter BR of Everett, Washington

The sisters of Chapter BR/Everett, Washington have formed a special connection with the ladies at the Chapter House. They have been sending cards and letters throughout the year and homemade gifts at the holidays for several years. Elizabeth Himple, formerly of Caldwell and a former server at the Chapter House is a member of Chapter BR and holds the Chapter House near to her heart. Her mother, the late Ardes Karn, Chapter BM/Caldwell, was a special friend of the Chapter House who came to Sunday dinner each week until the pandemic began. The residents are always touched by the personal correspondence they send.



## Welcoming Jo Teraberry



Jo Teraberry, Chapter BT of Caldwell, has recently moved into a cottage at the Chapter House.

Jo is a widow, mother of 2 sons (one deceased). She has 5 grandchildren and 3 (and counting!) great-grandchildren.

Jo is an artist — she paints using various mediums, knits, and crochets. Her lovely art is all around her home. And her gardening skills show on the outside too! She has enjoyed reading also; since moving into Chapter House, other residents are sharing favorite books.

Jo joined Chapter BT about 30 years ago and considered moving to Chapter House several times in the past few years. This season was the right timing in all ways, and she and her sweet little dog are happily settled here. She loves the daily, excellent meals in the dining room, the connection with other residents, and the safety and security she feels living here.

Jo's warm and cheerful personality — and her varied interests — make for great conversations.

Welcome to the  
Idaho Chapter House Jo!  
We're glad you are here.



## Chapter House Book Group

The Chapter House Book Group resumes on Monday, September 25 at 1:15 with a discussion of *Until They Bring the Streetcars Back* by Stanley Gordon West. The book group meets monthly with P.E.O. members from all over the Treasure Valley. Come for one book that interests you or come every month.

Email Sharon Miller at [smidaho@q.com](mailto:smidaho@q.com) if you are interested in being put on the email list. Upcoming titles include:

- **September 25**  
*Until they Bring the Streetcars Back*  
by Stanley Gordon West
- **October 30**  
*Our Missing Hearts*  
by Celeste Ng
- **November 27**  
*Untold Power*  
by Rebecca Boggs Roberts

### 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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