

Idaho P.E.O.

Chapter House
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Newsletter

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



Dear Idaho Sisters,

We are so thankful this time of year for all the support the Chapter House has received from all of you. It has been a true blessing. However, we need some help.

Many of you might know that our elevator at the mansion has needed repair. The ladies on the second floor have had to relocate to cottages and we have seen a drop in occupancy because we could not guarantee the second-floor suites could be used if the elevator was in disrepair. The good news is that the elevator is repaired!

Right now, our occupancy is down but the bills stay the same, or have increased with some extraordinary expenses. There are two ways you can help:

1. We need ladies to fill the rooms and cottages. If we are full, the bills are paid!
2. We need donations from chapters and individuals. It is the end of the year and some are thinking about end of the year giving. Please consider the Chapter House as a tax-deductible donation as it is a 501C3. For individuals who are the age they need to start taking out investments, donating to

a 501c3 can help with taxes. Please consult a financial advisor on how to give. Another idea is giving in honor of an individual as a Christmas gift.

The Chapter House is more than a warm loving place for P.E.O.s to retire. It is a beautiful building that houses our history and documents for our state chapter. There is so much rich history associated with the Chapter House. We do not want to lose this gem that is part of our Idaho sisterhood.

You can donate by sending a check to:

Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House
114 W. Logan
Caldwell, ID 83605

With warm regards,

The Chapter House
Board of Trustees



Past President's Clean-up Day



In late October, a group of past board presidents and members of their chapters and their BILs spent a very productive morning at the chapter house. We clipped, snipped, trimmed, and spruced the grounds up for winter. A huge shout out to Pat Benedict, Bette Jo Clapp, Nancy Daniels, Jacque Scott, Mary Jo Nyblad, Elaine and Bob Carpenter, JoJo Bergvall, Candace and Bill Vroman, and Sue and Gordon Stands.

Plus a big THANK YOU to Chapter AU for adopting the long-neglected bed on the corner of Kimball and Pine! This bed was a mess with weeds interwoven with the old, rotting weed barrier. These ladies laboriously weeded, prepped the bed, and planted several new shrubs. We look forward to seeing the colorful new shrubs next spring.





**She's back and
purring like
a kitten!!**

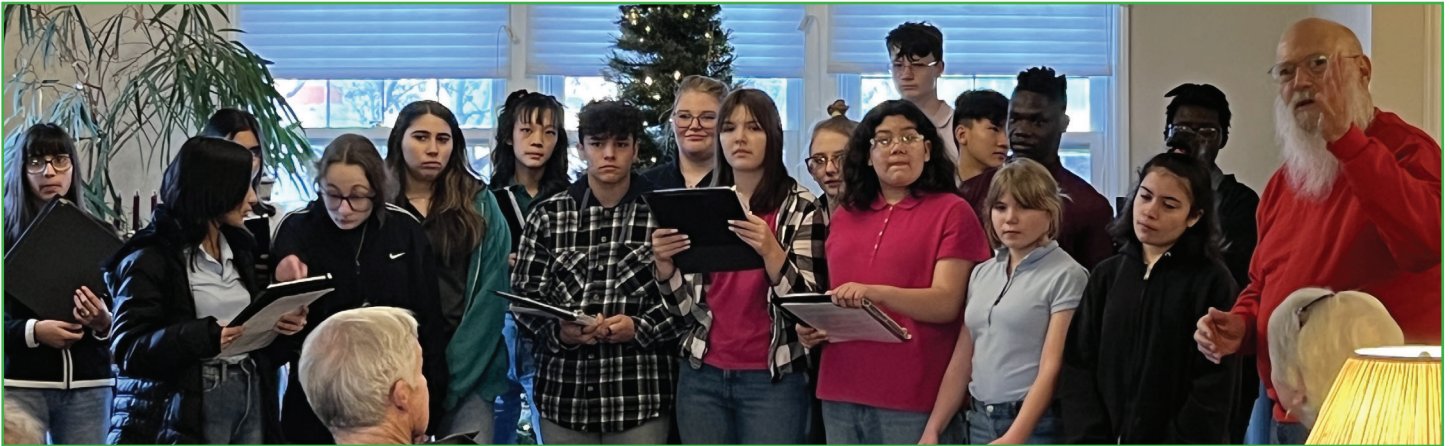
After 6 months of trying to figure out how to get the elevator motor fixed we were finally successful in getting the motor repaired and rebuilt. It was quite an ordeal but with some luck and perseverance, Priest Electric in Caldwell was able to get the motor fixed at a reasonable price. So much cheaper than replacing the entire structure and purchasing a new ADA compliant elevator. Thanks to all who contributed monies to get this done. Best of all Donna is back in her suite and we can now rent out the rest of the upstairs.

Giving Back

The ladies at the Chapter House assembled boxes of "period packs" for local young women with limited access to menstrual supplies. Susan Thompson with the Boise chapter of Days for Girls joined the residents for a happy hour and shared that 1 in 4 girls suffers from period poverty meaning they do not have easy or affordable access to pads and tampons. This lack of access to feminine hygiene supplies results in girls having to miss school and other activities every month. Days for Girls supports the Idaho Period Positivity Coalition and the Idaho Period Project to promote period positivity and work towards ending period poverty. For more information or to donate, look up:

www.idahoperiodpositivity.com or
www.idahoperiodproject.org





Choirs & Decorations

We were honored to have 17 members of the **Hope House Choir** perform at the Chapter House. This was their first Christmas concert of the year and they sang a variety of holiday tunes from traditional to modern. These talented performers lifted the spirits of everyone in attendance!

And last but certainly not least, if you are in the Caldwell area, swing by the Chapter House at night to see our beautiful mansion all lit up for the season. Once again, Tressa Dodge, the daughter of resident Linda, put up lights and holiday décor to put us in the holiday spirit.



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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