

Idaho P.E.O.

Chapter House Newsletter

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Thank You for Making Idaho Gives a Huge Success!

We are thrilled to share that this year's Idaho Gives was our most successful yet! Thanks to your incredible support, we raised **\$26,665** from **183 generous donors**.

Your contributions make a real difference, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who participated. Thank you for helping us grow stronger together!

The winner of this year's Chapter Challenge was Chapter F, Caldwell, with 31.4% of their sisters making contributions to the Chapter House.

A Warm and Welcoming Home for Senior Women

Do you have a sister, aunt, mother, or friend who is a senior and looking for a supportive, community-centered place to live? The P.E.O. Chapter House currently has vacancies and welcomes inquiries from those seeking a comfortable and friendly home.

Chapter House residents enjoy:

- A warm and welcoming atmosphere
- Private living spaces with shared community areas
- Nutritious meals and engaging activities
- Friendship and support from fellow residents



If you know a woman who would thrive in a caring and connected environment, we'd love to share more about what makes Chapter House a special place to call home.

For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact us at 208-459-3552 or idpeoch@gmail.com.



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COMING SOON

Meet our two new residents and three new Board of Trustees members!

GARDENING DAY AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 10 AM TO NOON

On **Saturday, June 7 from 10 to noon**, volunteers and community members will gather at the Chapter House for a morning of landscape cleanup and gardening. This event is a great opportunity to come together, beautify the grounds, and help maintain the welcoming environment that the Chapter House is known for.

Starting in the morning, participants will roll up their sleeves to trim overgrown bushes, weed garden beds, and plant seasonal flowers. Tools and supplies will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring gloves and any favorite gardening gear.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just looking to lend a hand, all skill levels are welcome. The cleanup day not only helps keep the Chapter House in top shape, but also fosters camaraderie and community spirit among participants.



Make a reservation for lunch at noon that day by calling 208-459-3552 or emailing idpeoch@gmail.com.



DO YOU HAVE A PRESSURE WASHER AND SOME FREE TIME?

Come on over on **Saturday, June 28th from 10 to noon** to wash sidewalks, ramps and patios. RSVP to Jennifer at 208-459-3552 or idpeoch@gmail.com. Feel free to stay for lunch afterwards.

Get Happy!

Our Happy Hours are a wonderful time to get together, laugh and learn, share some photos and just enjoy a down time together. While most of the residents come and participate, so do many local and traveling P.E.O.s. **Happy Hours are held every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5** and are often hosted by different Chapters or the Residents Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Everyone is invited so if you are attending a sports event or doing some shopping in Western Idaho on a **Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-5:00**, please join us. We'll provide soft drinks, wine, snacks, and a special time together!

FLORAL FUN

Cheri Cunningham, Chapter N recently led a flower arranging session for the residents. With her guidance, participants enjoyed learning floral design basics and



GALENTINE'S DAY 2025!

The Chapter House rang with laughter as we celebrated Valentine's Day with the first annual Galentine's get together.

Hailey Minder, Chapter BT, owner of 3100 Cellars in Eagle shared information about their family winery and poured bubbly from three delightful wines: a 2020 Whitewater, a 2021 Pool & Drop, and a 2017 Eddy Out, for all the guests.

Chapter House Board Member, Zel Mertz, AU, planned and executed a lovely evening for the 32 guests and residents. Sylvia Marmon, F, and Valerie Grahek, BY, provided cookies and served as door greeters, Myrna Strom, CG, and Helen Hibbard, BT, added to the cookie plates, Carolyn Miller, CJ, showed off her culinary skills with an assortment of small tea sandwiches and Louisa Cone, BM, provided platters of fresh fruit.

Valentines, aka door prizes, were won by Debra Vis, Jo Bergvall, Jacque Scott, Patsy Lodge, Janet Allcott and Chapter House Resident, Jo Teraberry. Mary Parsons donated three bottles of the bubbly and they were won by Melissa Clapp, Karlene Baker, and Kathy Mertz.

This was not planned as a fund raiser, but instead an opportunity to invite potential members to learn more about our great organization and tour the Chapter House. A good time was had by all!



WELCOME MR. MAYOR



On March 24, the Chapter House welcomed the Caldwell mayor to be our Lunch and Learn program. Mayor Jarom Wagoner, a long time Caldwell resident, enjoyed lunch with the Chapter House residents and guests. Following our delicious luncheon, Mayor Wagner answered questions and provided information pertaining to the city of Caldwell and surrounding area. The Caldwell area population is approaching 100,000 and with the increase in population there were several questions concerning the growth of the area and the amount of real estate being developed. He emphasized that roads and utilities infrastructure are the primary concerns for the new developments. Also discussed was the sidewalk adjacent to the Chapter House and the city's responsibility in maintaining it.

Thank you, SILO!

We extend our thanks to the Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO) for their generous grant, which allowed us to purchase a new refrigerator for the mansion kitchen. This much-needed upgrade supports our ongoing events and preservation efforts.

Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO) was created in 1976 when the Caldwell Memorial Hospital was sold to West Valley Hospital. Since that time, the organization has awarded more than \$1.1 million in grants to local organizations.

Order Your Chapter House Bean Soup Mix

Our Chapter House residents, who package the beans, need time to package and fill the orders.

This has been a wonderful fundraiser and activity for the Chapter House and we truly appreciate all of your cooperation in making this a successful project for Idaho's first state project, the Chapter House. Myrna Strom of Chapter CG is our source for these wonderful freshly grown Idaho beans.

Bean soup mixes are \$5 each if picked up or \$8 each if mailed.

Please send your order to: Jennifer Kerr, Chapter House Manager, 114 E. Logan St., Caldwell, ID 83605 or jdpeoch@gmail.com.



The Chapter House will be hosting a special dinner on **Saturday, September 20th**. Watch for more information.

IN THE NEWS

Did you see us on the news? The Chapter House was featured in a story by Channel 6 reporter, Leslie Solis.

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search "P.E.O."

"Historic home in Caldwell filling an important need for the P.E.O. Organization."

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NEW TO P.E.O.?

New Member Tours – Join us on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 5** for Happy Hour and tours of the Chapter House. Get to know Idaho State Chapter's first project!

STAR-ING OUR SISTER, LOUISA

Shining brightly in our P.E.O. world is our STAR volunteer, Louisa Cone, Chapter BM, Caldwell. I got to know Louisa when she called the Chapter House to offer her talents at our Galentine's event this last February. At our planning meeting she offered to make and deliver fresh fruit trays for the event, so of course I took her at her word and I'm so happy I did!



Moving to Idaho in 1976 Louisa worked for the city of Caldwell. She is especially proud of chairing Canyon County's Centennial Celebrations and regards the great Centennial Parade as one of her greatest accomplishments. Changing career paths she enrolled in BSU's Culinary School and completed 20 years of work at Boise's Center on the Grove preparing beautiful arrangements for special events. Her delectable and beautiful fruit trays are a testament to her skills.

P.E.O. is just a part of Louisa's life. She was initiated in 2001 and has been an active member since. She said what she enjoys most is just participating in the group, especially her P.E.O. Bunco group which meets monthly at the Chapter House. She loves that regardless of the activity, members always step up and become involved. She is a Master Gardener and has also been active at the state and local levels of Garden Club and 4-H.

She does have a little brag she wanted to share with us. While raising livestock, primarily hogs, in California several of their cuter piggies found their way onto our television screens. She and her husband, Randy, often supplied the animals for television studios such as Green Acres and Gunsmoke.

Contact Us:

We invite you to submit your stories, experiences and testimonials so that we can spread the word about the Chapter House.

Email idpeoch@gmail.com with your questions or comments.