



P.E.O. Newsletter

Residential Vacancies Now Available at the P.E.O. Chapter House

Are you looking for a peaceful and supportive community to call home? The P.E.O. Chapter House is now offering residential vacancies for those seeking a unique living experience. With a welcoming environment, beautiful surroundings, and a focus on personal growth, our Chapter House provides a perfect setting for comfortable living.

Enjoy the convenience of modern amenities combined with historic charm. Whether you're seeking a quiet retreat or a vibrant community, the P.E.O. Chapter House is the ideal place to settle in.

Please help us spread the word to sisters, relatives and friends close by or across the country! For more information or to inquire about availability, contact us at 208-459-3552 or idpeoch@gmail.com.

Seeking P.E.O. CPAs

Hey P.E.O. sisters! We're looking for a CPA in Idaho who can help with our Form 990. If you're a P.E.O. and a CPA—or know someone who is—we'd love to hear from you!

This is an important part of keeping our nonprofit in good standing, and having a fellow sister's expertise would be a huge help. Whether you're able to volunteer or offer professional services, we'd be so grateful for your support and would love to support you back.

If you're interested or have a lead, please reach out to Pam McCormick, Chapter House Board Treasurer at pymccormick@gmail.com. Thanks for helping keep the Chapter House running smoothly!

Beans and More Beans!

Have you tried the Chapter House bean soup mix? One bag makes about 11 cups of delicious soup. The beans are Idaho grown and 95% have been donated by a friend of P.E.O. The mix includes 11 varieties of beans and contains a spice mix and recipe to complete the soup. The mixes are available at the Chapter House for only \$5.00 each (\$8.00 each if mailed). They make great hostess or thank you gifts.

The soup mixes have been packaged by the ladies living at the Chapter House and the Chapter House Board of Trustees. More than 600 bags have been sold so far. This is a great opportunity to support the Chapter House since nearly all of the price of the mix is profit. We would love to find a donor of split peas or lentils to add to the mix. If you'd like to place an order, or know of a donor, please just contact Jennifer at the Chapter House at 208-459-3552 or idpeoch@gmail.com.



Holiday Open House

It was truly a seasonal Fa-la-la-la affair as the Public Relations Committee hosted an Open House at the Chapter House on December 8, from 1-4. The outside of the beautiful mansion was beautifully decorated for Christmas by Tressa Dodge, daughter of resident Linda Dodge, and the inside by House Manager Jennifer Kerr and Lorie Gujjiltron. The standout decoration during every Christmas Season at the Chapter House is always the beautiful sleigh handmade by Ray Cappellini. Ray's hobby was woodworking and he was known for his sleighs. His wife, LaDonna Cappellini Webb, a fifty-year member of Chapter N, Nampa, shared that this was the last one he made before he passed. His sleighs have found homes in many of the Treasure Valley's charitable causes.



The Open House was lovely and attended by a diverse group. We had P.E.O.s, BILs, a Caldwell City Councilor, community members from Nampa and Caldwell who saw notices in the newspapers, and we had several Chapter House neighbors who stopped in curious to see the inside of the Mansion.

One of the visiting P.E.O.s was Cheryl Leonard, Chapter AA, and her husband from Idaho Falls. Another was from Pocatello. She and her sister happened to be childhood friends of our resident Donna McCulloch.

Chapter BM's Louisa Cone provided a gorgeous fruit tray that highlighted the tea table. Myrna Strom, Chapter CG, was on hand with a tasting of the famous Chapter House Bean Soup. A Christmas Treat Bake Sale was provided by the Chapter House Board of Trustees. Lovely music was provided by local violin and cello groups.

Many inquiries were made about living at the Chapter House and these were followed up by our manager or a CH Board member. Two local TV stations honored us with interviews with Jennifer and tours of the house on the evening news.

Elizabeth Himple served as chair for the event, and it was unanimously decided to open up the house for visitors again next year. We are so appreciative of Beth's expertise in helping make this a great affair!



A Joyous Christmas Celebration

The spirit of the season filled the Chapter House on December 22, 2024, as Chapter House residents, family members, board members, and special guests gathered for our Annual Christmas Party and Dinner. It was a night of warmth, laughter, and gratitude, celebrating the bonds that make our Chapter House so special.

A highlight of the evening was welcoming several members of Chapter F, the very chapter that first had the vision for the Chapter House back in 1936. Their presence was a reminder of our rich history and the dedication that has carried us through the decades.

The evening featured delicious food prepared and served by the Chapter House staff, festive decorations, and conversations that made this holiday gathering enjoyable.



Chapter House in the Spotlight!

Exciting news—our Chapter House has been featured in two recent news stories, and we couldn't be more thrilled!

Channel 6: 1910 Historic Home in Caldwell Filling an Important Need for the P.E.O. Organization

<https://www.kivitv.com/caldwell/1910-historic-home-in-caldwell-filling-an-important-need-for-the-p-e-o-organization>

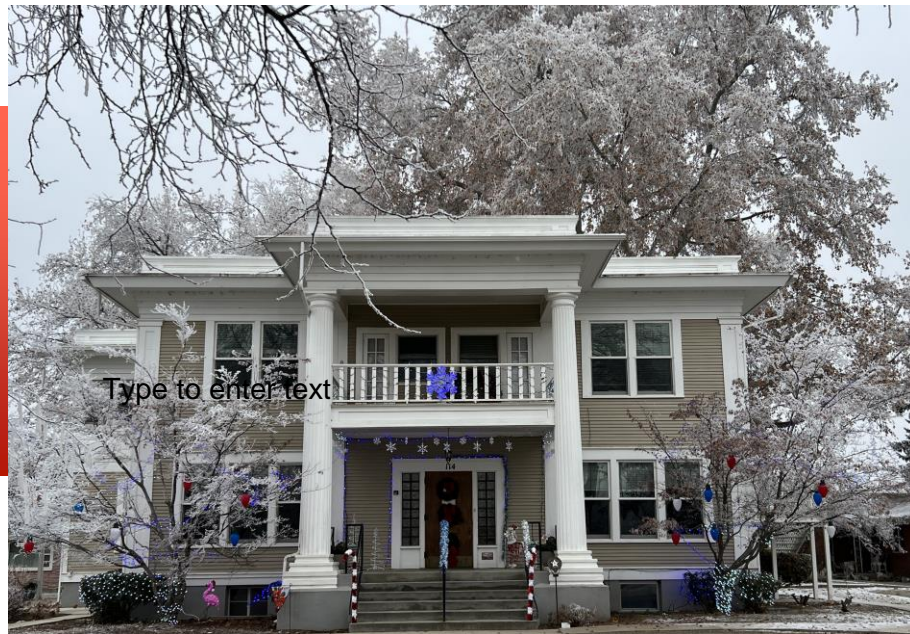
This story highlights the history and mission of the Chapter House, showing how it continues to serve senior women. It's a great reminder of the impact P.E.O. has had for over a century!

Channel 2: Historical Women's Club Showing Off Their Chapter House for Christmas

<https://idahonews.com/news/local/historical-womens-club-showing-off-their-chapter-house-for-christmas#>

The holiday spirit was in full swing as Channel 2 captured the Chapter House decked out for Christmas! This piece beautifully showcases the warmth and history of our special home.

It's always exciting to see our Chapter House shared with the community. Check out the stories and share them with friends!



We invite you to share your stories, experiences, and testimonials with us, helping us spread the word about the Chapter House. Your contributions can make a significant impact by inspiring others and fostering a sense of community. Please email your submissions, along with any questions or comments, to idpeoch@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your support. Thank you!

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