



## Welcome Spring!

Your Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation (CPCC) is grateful for the guidance by our International Chapter Executive Board and for their leadership and direction in handling the COVID-19 crisis at the state and local levels of our sisterhood. We're proud of their initiative. Even with our new restrictions, your charitable corporation continues to work to preserve and protect our two oldest philanthropies, the Chapter House (CH) and Marguerite Fund. Chapter presidents, we hope you share this newsletter with your chapters via email. Our convention may be cancelled and our in-person gatherings suspended during this coronavirus crisis but the work continues for your CPCC.

***We welcome your feedback and questions!***

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### *What did the CPCC do in March?*

- Continuing to plan our work and working our plan!
- On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the CPCC, with members of the Colorado State Chapter-Executive Board and Amendments & Recommendations Committee met with Donna J. Thompson, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, to strengthen our knowledge of and review Parliamentary procedure.



Donna J. Thompson, PRP



Sandy Renner, Louisa Young, Barb Hunter, Cheryl Burnside, Patty Fry, Donna Thompson



Working through Robert's Rules of Order.

Cheryl Denslow, Sue Haeberle, Cori Tanner, Janelle Rodriguez-Mendelson, Kendy Cusick-Rindone, Shari Fox, Sandy Renner and Louisa Young

- Then the COVID-19 became foremost in our minds.
- Patty Fry, CPCC-Chairman and Martha Kuhn, CH Trustee quickly became facilitators of change for the CH. Policies and procedures were implemented for the safety of our residents in CH.
- Following CDC and State Public Health guidelines the residents, staff and families were instructed on the health and safety precautions being initiated.
- The Chapter House is accepting no visitors or guests and is hosting no meetings until further notice.
- Residents are practicing social distancing with staff.
- Two residents are self-quarantining because of their possible exposure to the virus in the community.
- And residents continue to live as a family in their independent living environment.
- The CPCC is happy to report that all residents are currently in good health and are pleased with the interventions to protect their well-being.
- See photos below...That's Blanch Lindquist, knitting. Ruth Dawson on piano. Ruth, Blanch and Susan Ellis playing Mahjong. And Susan at the library. Sending love to our CH residents!
- On March 21, 2020 the CPCC board met by Zoom to conduct our monthly meeting.
- We had a full agenda, despite convention items being off the table. See screenshot photo below.
- We will continue to bring you monthly financial reports with summaries, continue to pay bills, plan repairs at CH (once the coronavirus threat is history), and continue with the work groups and tasks for each that were developed at our planning retreat in February.
- We have a CH Operations work group, a Corporate Structure/Bylaws work group and a Communications work group. Each work group brings ideas to the Board for discussion, tweaks and adjusts the ideas if necessary, and if approved, executes the ideas (for example, this newsletter).
- We are rockin' and rollin' for your CPCC!



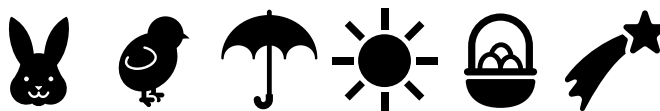
Here's Patty Fry-CPCC Chairman, Jill Hyde-Marguerite Fund, Cheryl Burnside-CPCC Vice Chair, Shari Fox-VP-CSC, Susan Miller-CPCC-Secretary, Janelle Rodriguez- CSC-President, and L J Van Belkum-CPCC-Treasurer, PSP!  
Martha Kuhn-Chapter House Trustee, PSP participated by phone.

### *What happened in our Chapter House philanthropy in March?*

- The CH Review Committee met for the first time on March 1, 2020.
- The responsibility of the committee, appointed by the CPCC Chairman, will be to do a thorough examination/review of the Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House.
- Discussion followed about the genesis of this committee, the reasons this effort is important now, and how the work of the committee fits into the CPCC's plan to bring facts and options to the CPCC annual meeting in June 2021 for the path forward for CH.
- Yes! We're already looking ahead to 2021 convention!
- Specific items of discussion included the capital needs assessment of the CH, projection of investment earnings during this very volatile time in the markets, past and current financial statements and comparisons of operations and governance of P.E.O. Chapter Houses around the country.
- The next meeting will be rescheduled after International Chapter's ban on P.E.O. gatherings has ceased.
- We are actively working to hire a General Manager at Chapter House by July 2020. This will be accomplished through the Chapter House Operations work group, CH Trustees and the CPCC board.
- The two 29-year-old water heaters at the CH need to be replaced before they fail. We are doing the leg work now on bids so once we are safely past the current COVID restrictions we can proceed.
- Elevation certificates were completed by a licensed land surveyor and forwarded to our insurance carrier as a requirement for CH flood insurance.
- Two new CH Trustees were appointed to begin work immediately. We are happy to welcome Liz Aikin-Chapter Y/Colorado Springs and Kathy Bath-Chapter GH/Longmont.
- We will continue to work to further fine tune the staffing, function, rates, Share the Care policies, and all aspects of our philanthropy.

### *What about the Marguerite Fund?*

- The Trustees and advisor conferred on the Spring Shower gift amount and made recommendations to the CPCC. Gift amounts are based on number of recipients and shower account balance.
- The CPCC unanimously approved our recommendation of a \$300/recipient Spring Shower gift.
- This Spring Shower gift will accompany the monthly April gifts to all eight recipients.
- We anticipate more applications for the Marguerite Fund, based on COVID-19 affecting all of our lives.
- We count on your chapter and individual donations to both the Marguerite Fund and Shower accounts.



*Please stay safe and don't forget to wash your hands!*

