



# Colorado State Chapter Knit Together in Sisterly Love to Promote Educational Opportunities

## Charitable Corporation Connections - September 2020

Chapter Presidents - please forward this newsletter to all your members!

Happy September! Hope our days are cooler and less smoky. We hope that all who are affected by the fires, personally or because of respiratory status, breathe easily. Our hearts and prayers are with you and our first responders.

Our effort is to be transparent about what the Colorado P.E.O. Charitable Corporation does, how we manage our state's two oldest P.E.O. philanthropies, and in the process educate our sisters about the CPCC. We've been publishing this CCC (Charitable Corporation Connections) since March, past issues available upon request. Email us! [Just click here](#) When text is green, bold, and underlined (all three), it links to something - click on it.

- Cheryl Burnside, CPCC Chair



## ANNOUNCING LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

We were delighted to have a fabulous response to our newsletter last month. We heard from 50 sisters!! The first 5 lucky responding sisters received a diamond (fake diamond) studded pen!

**Congratulations to**  
**Robin Haney-Chapter DR**  
**Anne Kilbourn-Chapter GC**  
**Becky Huyge-Chapter JA**  
**Pat Huff-Chapter JG**  
**KT Taylor-Chapter FO**

Theresa Dimond deserves a prize, but she is so new that she isn't even in the membership database! So if her chapter president could click on the green [Jill](#) with Theresa's chapter letters and snail mail address, Theresa will be a bonus winner.

## Talk Money to Me

Our annual audit is complete! If you're interested in financials, ask [LJ](#) for anything you need (except - don't ask for money)

Complete Bookkeeping and Accounting services have been discontinued with a monthly cost savings of \$450. Our trusty treasurer and brilliant bookkeeper are planning to reconcile and manage the CPCC finances in-house.

We developed a new gift acceptance policy and included instructions on the [donation form](#). It specifies that donations to the endowment fund must be \$10K or greater - this is



because restricted money is specially tracked.

We received matching dollar-to-dollar grant money for wildfire mitigation from the Colorado Springs Fire Department. It's a big project at the CH for September.

We purchased aprons and bar towels for CH kitchen staff which cost about the same as one month of our linen service. Then discontinued that contract. That's a monthly savings of \$100-\$200!

We completed a cost and service comparison study of Independent Living Facilities in the Colorado Springs area. Chapter House rents will be increasing to be competitive yet remain philanthropic. This will be applicable for all new rental agreements and will be gently adjusted in the future for current residents.

**We're spending money, but we're not wasting money.**

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## Anything Else We Need to Know About the CPCC Board Activities?



- **Reviewed:** Covid-19 precautions and guidelines. Chapter House visitors remain limited to physically distanced family on residents' patios.
- **Revised:** the application for prospective board members for the CPCC. It'll be on the Colorado State Chapter website. Check it out and see if you're a good fit as an incoming board member in June 2021.
- The **Chapter House Review Committee** met via zoom this week. **Reviewed:** the 2020 audit; 3/31/20 detailed unaudited profit/loss statement; Chapter House profit/loss summaries 1980-2004 and 2016-2020; the 2003 special committee report; and the committee's objectives to analyze operations and explore feasible options for the future of the Chapter House. **Assigned:** members to gather remaining information including operations of other chapter houses and operations of P.E.O. home funds in other states. This will complete our needed due diligence.
- Board members and unlucky relatives continue to go to Chapter House regularly to help with whatever needs to be done - see below



The maintenance shed has been both cleaned and disinfected



Notice the yard debris collected by these three warriors

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**Greetings from your Marguerite Fund Trustees**

• **Janet Kingsbury**



- Barb Hunter
- Barbara Pingrey

Covid-19 has affected us in many ways. Many of you are not having chapter meetings yet, so we are reaching out to you to please remember to send your donations for the Marguerite Fund Christmas Shower by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. This extra check is so important to our recipients. Seven members constitute a quorum, and approving a donation is something you may vote on via Zoom. Thank you for the love you express by **sending your gift**.

- Eight Colorado women received \$500 gifts in the month of September
- Applications for qualifying women are available on the Colorado State website with instructions on How To Sponsor A Woman
- If you know a Colorado woman (she does not have to be a P.E.O.) who needs temporary financial assistance, complete the application and email it to **Janet**.

### Greetings from Chapter House Trustees

- Liz Aikin
- Martha Kuhn
- Kathy Bath

### House Manager

- Melissa Williams

### Renovation Manager

- Bill Tremmel



## There is never a dull moment at Chapter House

- A major hailstorm hit Colorado Springs and the damage to the CH, the cottage and the grounds was extensive. And just after all that clean-up!!!
- Focus turned to filing an insurance claim, working with adjusters and contractors. Asphalt shingles, gutters and gutter cover damage was visible immediately along with branches and debris. Will keep you posted!
- New employee Adrian Stafford was hired for Building and Grounds Maintenance. He is a hard worker and has already made a visible difference.
- Melissa continues to meet weekly with the staff, fielding questions or concerns about the new Employee Manual and Job Descriptions. And she has now started monthly “social” teas with the residents to socialize and a “business” meeting (frequency to be determined) to cover any operational questions/concerns.
- Renovation (formerly Interim) Manager Bill continues to assist Melissa but has switched focus to converting guest rooms to efficiency apartments and renovating a one-bedroom apartment for a new resident. All rooms under construction are on the Aspen wing to help make the process as efficient as possible.
- Great news, that one-bedroom being gussied up is already “promised”! More about our new resident in October!
- If you know anyone that wants the P.E.O. connection and the peace and tranquility of living at Chapter House contact Melissa (719-473-7670). More information and photos are forthcoming, but it’s shaping up!
- All residents are safe and sound and glad to be off self-quarantine from summertime family or birthday events they attended away from home. Finally, everyone can gather in the dining room for meals while remaining physically distant.
- We ask your prayers for Blanche and Ruth who have had serious medical issues recently. We are hoping for strong and rapid recovery for both.
- Still reading? If you’re the 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> person to respond to **Jill**, a special gift will be in the mail to you! Please include what you like about the CCC, or what you don’t, and

what other information you'd like to read. And your name, chapter, and address.

- Bill did a tour of the cottage to check for winterization needs and other maintenance items. Full transparency: the cottage is suffering from long term water leaks, pests, inattention and deterioration. Because of the in-wall water leaks an insurance claim was filed, and an adjuster will be coming out this week to evaluate. Stay tuned for more information. If you have a personal connection to the cottage, history to share, or a passion, purpose or vision for it, please share via [this link](#)

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A shout out to Barb Nordhausen, FT, and her crew for weeding and gardening at CH!

**Pick me! I want to help in the CH gardens**

**ATTENTION COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTERS:** More volunteers welcome!

Whoever wants to join, please join Barb at the CH every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, weather permitting. Contact [Barb](#) if you are interested and get details from her. The efforts are already apparent!

**ATTENTION EVERYONE:** Please donate plants such as daisies, vinca, and daylilies. Please contact [Barb](#) and tell her what plants you and your chapter can contribute before the snow flies. Thank you all!



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**Stay safe and remember to wash your hands!**

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