

## ACTIVITIES AT CHAPTER HOUSE

★ Participation in activities by the residents is optional and most are provided by the Executive Director. These include shopping, lunch in local restaurants, and out for fun. A Tea and Classics Book Club meets monthly at Chapter House as does a mixed couples bridge club consisting of P.E.O.s and BILs.

★ Buffets are offered to the residents, their families, and other guests at Easter, Mother's Day and Thanksgiving. P.E.O.s are encouraged to join the residents on these occasions.

★ Fundraising activities at Chapter House include the sale of cookbooks, postcards, and commemorative bricks and benches.

★ Activities include birthday dinners, chapter and committee meetings, dinners, brunches, BIL functions, barbecues, sack lunches, teas, fashion shows, market places and fundraising activities, Cotter gatherings, Reciprocity meetings and other activities, weddings and wedding receptions, baptism or retirement receptions, baby showers, Girl Scout visits, bridge clubs, book clubs, art and music gatherings, picnics, gardening meetings and days, memorial services, Christmas activities including decorating parties and Open House, out-of-town chapter programs and tours, many individual tours by in-state as well as out-of state visitors, and use of the bed and breakfast rooms by in-state and out-of-state P.E.O. visitors.

★ The living room with its fireplace, the dining room, the library and the sun room are used for the many activities at Chapter House.

★ Chapter House is available for use by P.E.O.s or other non-P.E.O. groups for meetings, social events, receptions, weddings, dining, or fundraising.

★ On average, 12 out-of-town chapters visit each year, P.E.O.s from 20 states utilize the B & B rooms, and approximately 400 visitors are welcomed and given tours of Chapter House annually.

## TRADITION & PURPOSE

### P.E.O. Sisterhood

Mary Ellen Stafford, a Founder of P.E.O., said, "The two words that more than any others express the real spirit and purpose of our Sisterhood are fellowship and service. We are a band of sisters, not only affectionately bound together, enjoying each other's fellowship, but pledged to each other's helpfulness. More than that we are bound together in our Sisterhood not alone to be helpful to each other, but in a sense to be helpful so far as possible to all others. It should be our purpose not only to make P.E.O. better and greater all of the time, but that womanhood and humanity should be better and greater because of P.E.O."

### FROM THE BYLAWS OF THE COLORADO P.E.O. CHAPTER HOUSE:

The primary, but not sole, object of Chapter House, Inc. shall be to maintain and operate a home for the benefit of members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood (including members of their families who meet criteria established by the corporation), and who may desire to reside in such a home.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House is to provide a quality independent residence and educational facility for P.E.O.s, their husbands (BILs) and women who are not P.E.O.s but who are sponsored by P.E.O.s.



# Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House

- ★ Tradition
- ★ Purpose
- ★ Success



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*A Proud Colorado State P.E.O. Philanthropy  
Since 1966*

## ORIGINS OF CHAPTER HOUSE

The Articles of Incorporation were established in **June 22, 1949**; and they include, among others, the following clauses:

★ “The objects of said corporation shall be **Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House, Inc. - To establish a fund to receive contributions, membership dues, gifts and bequests for the philanthropic, benevolent, charitable, and non-profit benefit of members of the Colorado State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Such funds to be allowed to accumulate toward the acquisition of a home for P.E.O. members, the operation of which shall qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.**”

**Other stipulations are:**

★ To operate a home in the State of Colorado for the benefit of members of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

★ Every member of the Colorado State Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood shall be a member of this corporation and is encouraged to attend the annual meeting. Members of the annual convention and of the Board of Trustees shall be voting members of the convention.

★ The name of the corporation, with a 501(c)(3) status which is tax-exempt, charitable, and a non-profit, is the Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House Inc.

★ **Philanthropy and education** are two structural patterns that have been a part of P.E.O. since its founding in 1869. The Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House is a good example of both: caring for P.E.O. sisters who are residents and providing a venue for educational meetings and programs for P.E.O. chapters, committees, and non-P.E.O. groups from all parts of Colorado.

★ **Philanthropy** is the act of donating money, goods, time or effort to support a charitable cause, usually over an extended period of time and in regard to a defined objective. It may encompass any activity that is intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. This is evident at the Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House.

## FACTS & FINANCIALS

★ The Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House was dedicated in October of 1966 and is one of four P.E.O. homes remaining in the U. S. Others are in Beatrice, NE (1938); Caldwell, ID (1950); and Alhambra, CA (1933).

★ The Chapter House is located on 10 acres of the former Stratton City Park in Colorado Springs. It has maintained the desire of the Stratton Foundation who offered the land to the Board by preserving the integrity of the park.

★ Much of the furniture and many of the artifacts have been donated to Chapter House by P.E.O.s. All such donations are tax deductible as Chapter House is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

★ Operating expenses at Chapter House are covered by the following: resident fees, guest fees for Bed & Breakfast and dining and use of the House, voluntary chapter or individual donations, assessment of \$2 from annual dues of Colorado P.E.O.s, transfer from investments as needed, and monies from Share the Care Fund to benefit living expenses of residents in need.

★ The Colorado P.E.O. Chapter House is able to meet its financial goals and budget so long as its income remains stable. Investments are managed by Wells Fargo Advisors and overseen by the Treasurer and the Board of Trustees.

★ Monthly rent is paid by the residents. Upon admission, the first and last month's rent are due along with a non-refundable \$500 cleaning fee, a refundable \$50 monitor fee, and \$60 for the first month of transportation (if needed).

★ All expenses, including all meals, are included in the monthly fee except the charge for telephone, transportation (*optional*), carport (*optional*), and storage (*optional*).

★ Referrals and donations are always welcome and appreciated.

## RESIDENTS & ROOMS

★ There are 10 residential rooms at Chapter House consisting of five one-bedroom apartments, two expanded suites, and three suites. Currently eight residents are living at Chapter House. A Waiting List is being maintained.

★ Two Bed & Breakfast rooms are available for use by family members of residents or P.E.O.s and family members or friends traveling with them.

★ Minimum age for residency is 18 years. There is no maximum age so long as the Independent Living criteria are met. Non-members of P.E.O. who are sponsored by a P.E.O. may reside at Chapter House.

★ Requirements for admission to Chapter House are two-fold: 1) A doctor must confirm his/her belief that an applicant meets the criteria for independent living. 2) The applicant must agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Chapter House and be able to afford the monthly payments.

★ Independent Living Criteria are the ability to exercise mobility (walkers and wheelchairs are acceptable), ability to sort and take medications, ability to get into and out of a van or auto, and knowledge as to when to come to meals and meetings.

★ A resident or their family may make arrangements for home assistance so long as it is limited to assisting with bathing or routine tasks, running errands, or doing laundry.

★ Most residents have transferred their P.E.O. memberships to local chapters. Eighteen chapters belong to Pikes Peak Reciprocity and many volunteer time and effort in gardening, decorating, etc. at Chapter House.

★ The common area of Chapter House consists of sitting rooms, living room with fireplace, dining room, library, exercise room, and sun room.

★ Housekeeping is provided once a week for residents.