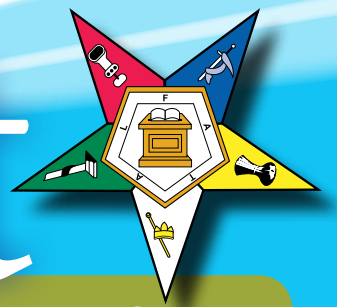


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Greetings!

I am so proud and pleased to announce that The Ohio Eastern Star Home Neighborhoods were nominated for and received the Knox County Chamber of Commerce Heart Award. The Heart Award is “given to a Chamber member business recognized for achieving and maintaining architectural design that complements our community.” As we move into the New Year, look for continued renewal of parts of our campus.

Although the Neighborhoods were the main focus of the capital campaign, several phases of the overall project remain. Most of Units 1 & 2 have been demolished, but part of Unit 2 is being transformed into a new therapy center. A small part of Unit 1 will be converted into a new beauty shop and offices that were lost in the demolition.

As we continue to grow and update our campus, we become more sustainable into the future and are securing a vital place as a leader in the healthcare community of Knox County. We so appreciate all of the support from the Eastern Star Membership.

Yours in Service,
Michele Engelbach, CEO
Ohio Eastern Star Home

Thank You!



Award winners from the Mount Vernon-Knox County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner. CEO Michele Engelbach, front row far left, holds the “Heart Award.”

“Welcome” to our new Trustee!

It’s my great pleasure to welcome Ron Hardesty to the Board of Trustees at the OES Home. Ron is filling the seat vacated by Steve Moore, PGM, who was elected as a Grand Trustee. The OESH board of trustees will no doubt benefit from Ron’s dedication and commitment to Ohio Eastern Star, his years of experience and his good old fashioned common sense!

A Whitehall native, Ron spent most of his career in the residential, commercial and industrial HVAC business. He finally retired so he’d have time for a new assignment: traveling with the 2015-16 Worthy Grand Matron, Evelyn Hardesty! Ron and Evelyn live on 10 acres in Johnstown where Ron keeps a few beef. Ron also enjoys collecting and restoring red tractors.

Ron has been a member of OES for over 40 years. We’re thankful he agreed to spend the next few serving our Home!

Carl Calderhead, Chairman
OESH Board of Trustees



No Place Like Gnome!



Have you heard of Gnomeo and Juliette? Not the characters from Shakespeare, but the garden gnomes who have become the mascots for the 2017 WGM/WGP Project at the OES Home. While this project will not involve a wedding, it may involve some weeding! Our goal is to transform the space between our new neighborhoods into a beautifully landscaped, community courtyard.

I have always loved the forget-me-not, and it became more significant to me when a family member developed Alzheimer's. The forget-me-not is the symbol for the Alzheimer's Association. This courtyard area will be secure, so all residents, including those with dementia, will be able to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. Naming our project "There's No Place Like GNOME" just seemed right.

Here's a gardening tip: The best way to tell if you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to gently pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it's a valuable plant!

Two dates to spotlight are the Charities Extravaganza and OES Home Day on June 24 and June 25.

The theme for our fun (and fundraising) on Saturday is "Unforgettable Love Stories."

In our lives and in our Ritual, we celebrate many kinds of love stories: love between parents and children, love between in-laws, love between husbands and wives, love of country, love between sisters and brothers, love for each other, and love for God. You won't want to miss the parade of our twelve calendar girl brides that evening! Please join us for an unforgettable evening!

Sunday, June 25, is the annual OES Home Day. If you haven't seen the OES Home in the last 10 months, you haven't seen our Home! What a beautiful transformation the entire campus has made! Please plan to attend this celebration of your Home. Also check the calendar on our website (www.ohiooes.org). We look forward to being with you at as many events as your schedules and gas tanks will allow.

Michelle Howell, Worthy Grand Matron
Bill Cox, Worthy Grand Patron

Capital Campaign hits high mark!

Nearly \$3,000 was raised during the 2016 Bob Evans fundraiser! Including the proceeds from the Bob Evans gift card sales, the total raised for all three years was close to \$16,000! Thirty-one residents of the OES Home enjoyed a meal at the local Bob Evans on Election Day. One group went for breakfast and another group went for lunch. "Thank you" to everyone who helped make this a successful fundraiser for the capital campaign!



(Note: If you heard Bob Evans sold the restaurant division of its business, this was a financial move and should not affect most of the restaurants. While a few poor-performing restaurants may be closed, the majority will keep the name "Bob Evans" and will continue to operate. Any Bob Evans gift cards you have are still good!)



A Quilt for Each Resident

Just prior to moving into their new rooms in the Neighborhoods, each resident had the pleasure of choosing a one-of-a-kind handmade quilt. Sixty-two quilts were donated by Joell Buchanan, OES Home Trustee. She made nearly all of them by herself, but acknowledges that she had some help. These quilts added a special warmth—and an array of wonderful colors—to the residents' new homes!

Bless your generous heart, Joell!



Hidden Treasure?



You may have a hidden treasure in your desk and not realize it! If you keep papers in a desk you may have something of great value tucked away and forgotten.

People purchase life insurance policies

for protection against a catastrophic loss. As the owner of the life insurance policy ages, the need to care for dependents typically lessens. Some people choose to turn in the life insurance policy for face value which may not represent the full current value.

Another option for this “hidden treasure” is to change the beneficiary to a charity of one’s choice. Life insurance policies may be given as gifts to designated charities allowing the donor to make a larger gift than he or she thought possible.

Similarly, remainders of qualified retirement plans may be designated for a charity. Request a “Change of Beneficiary” form and make your favorite charity the testamentary beneficiary of the remainder of the plan when death occurs. It’s never too early-or too late-to consider what your legacy will be!

Safely

By Melanie Bolender

The new Neighborhoods are built and 62 residents are living in their new homes! Each neighborhood is becoming the heart of a community of 15 or 16 people who are enjoying watching television by the fireplace and eating meals together. The individual private rooms are providing the comfort of privacy when desired. A resident of Rose Neighborhood said, “I feel like I hit the lottery! We all feel that way!”



Home!

Although the four neighborhoods are completed, the capital campaign does not end until June 30. Work remains to be done, and funds still need to be raised. After building the neighborhoods, Units 1 and 2 were demolished. The ambulance entrance and beauty shop, which was housed in Unit 1, must be replaced. The medical records and medical supply offices were located in Unit 2 so new offices need to be built. Finally, the main dining room will be repurposed to serve as a community room for large group events.

As of December 31, 2016, \$3.8 million of the \$4.5 million capital campaign goal had been raised. During these final months of the capital campaign, you will be hearing about an exciting opportunity that will help us reach our goal! With baseball spring training underway, we're figuratively rounding 3rd base and heading toward home! Watch for announcements about how you can hit a double and bring us HOME!



Spotlight *on Our Donors*

Thank you for your generous support! The Ohio Eastern Star gifts listed below were given to various funds including Christmas, memorials, endowments, and the WGM/WGP Project from September 1 – December 31, 2016.



Leadership Circle (**\$1,000 – \$4,999**)

Athens Chapter #175
Grand Chapter of Ohio

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District 6 Association
Jennifer Pietrowski

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District 8 Association
District 8 – Former Grand Appointments
District 12 Association
District 13 Association
District 21 Association
District 28 Association
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Fort Black Chapter #336
Fort Hamilton Chapter #568
Gallipolis Chapter #283
Garfield Chapter #324
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Grove City Chapter #502
Groveport Chapter #440
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Heber Chapter #62
Hillsboro Chapter #441
Chris & Michelle Howell, WGM
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Knox Chapter #236
Diane Kracker
Marguerite Lawrence
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Matamoros Chapter #261
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Port Clinton Chapter #267
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Reber Chapter #161
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Warpole Chapter #366
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Yondota Chapter #317

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2002 Deputy Grand Matrons
2014 Grand Family – Gail's Farus Wheels
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Beallsville Chapter #24
Belmont Chapter #555
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Celestine Chapter #185
Celina Chapter #91
Clarington Chapter #533
Christopher Clayton
District 5 – Past Grand Appointments
District 15 – Starlights
Arden & Janet Doolittle
Jenny Durbin
East Palestine Chapter #381
Jan Emge
Susan Flora
Lynnette Garrett
Greenwood Chapter #159
Ron & Evelyn Hardesty, PGM
Charles & Tracy Hawthorne
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Ida Chapter #416
Jefferson Chapter #300
Labelle Chapter #414
Licking Chapter #551
Carl & Shirley Lubberger
Lucasville Chapter #495
Marietta Chapter #59
Mary Chapter #9
Milford Chapter #234
Millersport Chapter #301
Robert & Robyn Moellenberg
Morning Light Chapter #80

Thank you!

to the 126 OES Home staff members who contributed through payroll deduction!

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Oriental Chapter #106
Orion Chapter #12
Owensville Chapter #370
Oxford Chapter #225
Racine Chapter #134
Salem Chapter #334
Spencerville Chapter #130
Teresa Chapter #257
Unionport Chapter #360
Robert & Denise Vanderhorst
Carrie Varian
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Vinton Chapter #375
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In honor of Past Grand Matron Marilyn Bennett's 90th birthday, the following donors made gifts to the Reading Room:

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1992 Grand Officers
Renee Ackerman
Ralph & Raella Baker
Gwendolyn Bennett
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Only one more door to open!



Gifts below were given October 1–December 31, 2016.

The Capital Campaign is... *Almost Home*

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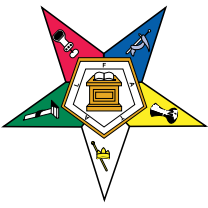
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Save the Dates

Saturday, June 24
Charities Extravaganza

Sunday, June 25
OES Home Open House

Watch for more information
in the May Spotlight!

It was a “Grand” Visitation!

We always have a “grand” time when the Grand Family and Deputy Grand Matrons visit The Ohio Eastern Star Home! After worshipping together in the Home’s lovely Chapel, food and fellowship were enjoyed in the main dining room. Following lunch, our guests enjoyed a variety of activities with our residents: crafts, dominos, a sing-a-long and individual room visits.

One highlight of Grand Visitation is the entertainment provided by the Grand Family and the Deputy Grand Matrons — this year was no exception!



Everyone had a fun, unforgettable day!