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Pine Hill
INDEPENDENT SENIOR LIVING
at The Ohio Eastern Star Home



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Our Mission: The campus of The Ohio Eastern Star Home is dedicated to leading the way into the future while providing the highest quality of services and enriching the lives of all we serve. Our innovation and adaptability support our environment for growth and promotes our commitment to being an industry leader.


Our Vision: To create an atmosphere of companionship, empowerment and growth.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Wow, Grand Chapter 2023 was so exciting!

I was humbled that my fellow Trustees elected me as Chairman of the OES Home Board. I will strive to do my best for our Elders, Care Partners/staff, and of course YOU, members of Ohio Order of Eastern Star.

Firstly, a little about me. I received my 50 year pin at Grand Chapter, as a member of Fulton #67, Wauseon and dual member of Deshler #68. In 1991, I served as DGM for District #7, served as Grand Martha in 2005, and have been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2006. *Note, there will be two vacancies on the Board in 2024. Submit your applications soon!*

In my personal life, I am a retired State Auditor. I earned an MBA in Public Administration from Findlay University. I have been married for over 51 years to my husband, Ken, and have 2 adult sons, and 3 granddaughters.

Theses are exciting times on the campus of the OES Home. Continue to follow our Pine Hill construction at YOUR Ohio Eastern Star Home.

And, please make your donation to help build the "Connector" today!

Becky Thatcher, MBA/MPA
Chairman/OESH Board of Trustees

Dear Friends...

I am pleased to bring you greetings on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. This year, my partner, Worthy Grand Patron Harless Maynard, and I have chosen *Strike a Chord* for our theme. We are working to get in Accord with our Basics, as well as bringing harmony and joy to all we strive to do. I'm the oldest of five children, and both my grandmother and mother were Eastern Star members. I learned leadership skills in my family, church, and as a Rainbow Girl. I was honored to be asked to start through the Grand Line and now am blessed to be serving you as the Worthy Grand Matron this year. Harless and I share many interests: playing guitar, riding motorcycles, being born in the same year and same month, and having a deep desire to do our best for our Order and others.

We are enjoying traveling the state, meeting with our members, and spreading love and joy while we serve our Order. Along with our continued support of the OES Home and fundraisers for the pond, we are also gathering bottle caps to recycle into benches that will be placed in the wooded area at the Home. Our special projects for this year are Wounded Warriors and the Dayton Children's Dyslexia Center. Of course, there are many other benevolent projects our generous members help to support. Mixing service and fun are key to what we strive to do this year.

It's hard to believe that we are on the brink of another holiday season. I encourage you to take time amidst the hustle and bustle to be thankful for the many blessings we receive. Be kind and choose to shine in all you do! It's the goodness we show to others that will make a difference in this world.

Cheryl Maslowski, Worthy Grand Matron
Harless Maynard, Worthy Grand Patron



Building a Connector...

Ohio Eastern Star Home is a CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) and we have always valued connections and relationships.

IMAGINE for a moment...

Moving into an apartment or condo and never having to worry about your future healthcare needs again.

Imagine: Not having to worry about what nursing home your children will choose for you.

Imagine: The ability to build relationships now, with your potential, future caregivers.

Imagine: Having the peace of mind that in a crisis you don't have to make health care decisions that you may regret later.

Imagine: Living on the Ohio Eastern Star Home Campus.

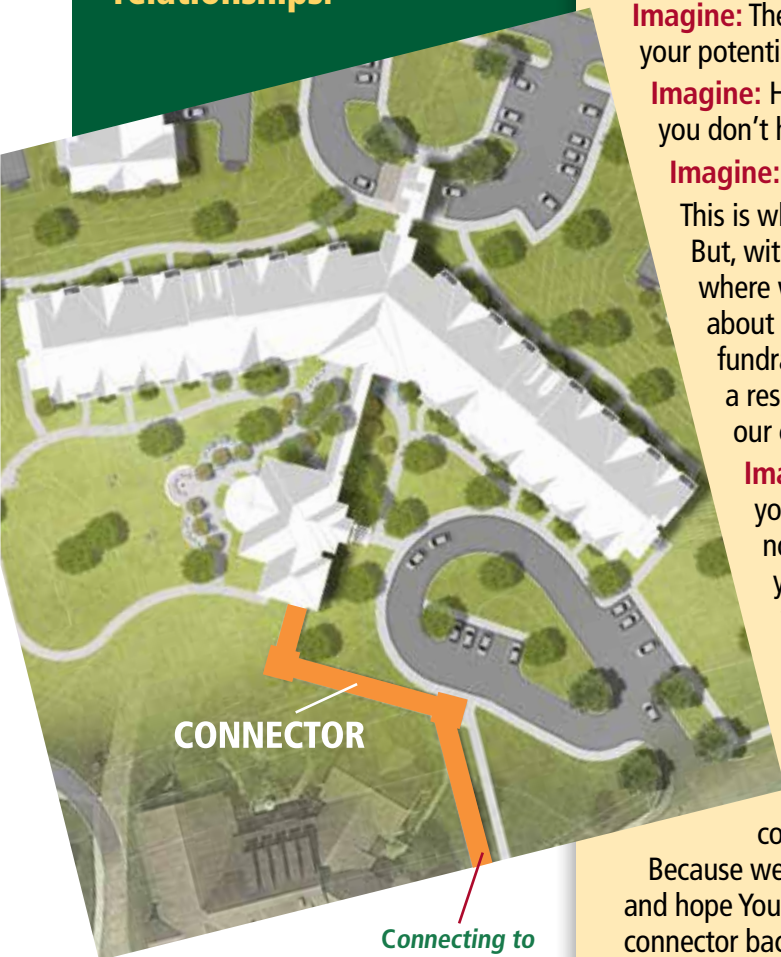
This is what Pine Hill does for us. It lets us IMAGINE a new reality! But, with that reality is also the practical...so here is the part where we humbly ask for your help once again. I am not talking about a capital campaign, but we do need assistance with some fundraising. As you know, construction costs have soared and as a result, we were forced to make the difficult choice of reducing our construction costs and not building the connector.

Imagine: Suddenly your spouse needs nursing home care but you're not ready to move to a nursing home but can't imagine not being with them every day. But if you live in Pine Hill – you can, in the middle of winter, have peace of mind because you can just WALK over to the neighborhoods to be with your spouse without trudging through the snow – not drive down the road, across town or miles away – you can WALK through the halls to get there just as you can RIGHT NOW! You can now get ANYWHERE on our campus without having to go outside, so why would we NOT continue to provide the same access with Pine Hill?

Because we DO want everyone to be safe and be connected! We ask and hope You, and others will help us raise the \$600,000 to put the connector back into the building plans. It's so important for us to be able to help keep people on our campus CONNECTED to each other!

We're building a connector to keep people connected!

Michele Engelbach, CEO/The Ohio Eastern Star Home



Connecting to the OESH Campus



Summer Spotlight

Our hardworking Life Enrichment team always shines brightly with their engaging activities for our elders.

Daily activities include Bingo, trivia games, crafts, music appreciation, exercise, and other creative activities, but their special events are anything BUT ordinary!

This summer, they organized extraordinary events such as a spring 'cruise,' an African Safari, a summer picnic, and a summer concert series where the public was invited to join them in the Shelter House. They even brought 'celebrities' (LE staff in costume) such as Aretha Franklin, Johnny and June Carter Cash, Tony Orlando, Cindy Lauper, John Denver, Patsy Cline & Dolly Parton to perform in a talent show, followed by a local performer bringing the music and style of Frank Sinatra.



Some Elders went swimming at the Apple Valley pool this summer, and several of the men enjoyed a fishing trip to Ariel-Foundation Park. The multi-generational Camp Trailblazer was a great success with children and Elders joining together in games, music, and crafting fun.

To kick off the fall football season, the LE team hosted a Tailgate Party for the Elders, and everyone cheered on their teams. The Life Enrichment team is doing an amazing job of bringing joy and excitement to our elders in many ways!



New OESH Website Launches in December!

We have been working diligently with our designers at ChekCreative, to launch a new and improved website for the OESHome and Pine Hill. Take a look at **oeshome.org** and check out our new photo gallery and many other new features.



Thanks for Stopping By at Grand Chapter!

Thank you very much, OES Members, for visiting our booth at Grand Chapter 2023. Michele and Diane were delighted to see so many OES friends and catch up on the latest news, and it was a pleasure for me to meet so many of you. Although I can't guarantee that I will remember everyone's name, I am looking forward to seeing you again in 2024 for another great time of fellowship!



Big News

The SPOTLIGHT is going DIGITAL!

Since the **Spotlight** is so costly to produce and mail, a substantial savings can be realized by going digital. **Later in 2024 the Spotlight will be available only on our website.**

You will find the newest issue, as well as archive issues, at **OESHome.org/spotlight**.

The next issue will be available on May 1, 2024.

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- Specific amount of cash or item (vehicle, etc)
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our Progress!



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Christmas

*The Elders, Staff and Trustees
of The Ohio Eastern Star Home
wish you a very Merry Christmas
and many blessings in the New Year!*