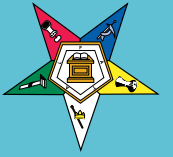


SPOTLIGHT

Published by
The Ohio
Eastern Star
Home Campus



SUMMER 2021

*Celebrating
70 Years...
& Homecoming*

Friday, August 13, 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ron Hardesty, Chairman
erhard@embarqmail.com
Larry Mayer, Vice Chairman
larry@mayerfarmequipment.com
Bob Vanderhorst, Treasurer
rmv1016@aol.com
David Merkle, Secretary
merckled@gmail.com
Suzanne Griffin
SBG4862@outlook.com
Howard Laudermilk
laudermilk@ameritech.net
Barbara Stuart
barb.stuart@ATT.net
Becky Thatcher
bkthatcher72@yahoo.com
Joan Wedge
j.wedge@sbcglobal.net

***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.*

EDITOR

Crystal Snell
Director of Marketing
csnell@oeshome.org

SPOTLIGHT is published by:
The Ohio Eastern Star Home
1451 Gambier Road
Mount Vernon, OH 43050
740-397-1706 Ext 3205
888-818-2537 (Toll Free)

Change in address or membership:
Email spotlight@oeshome.org
or, send back page and new address
to Crystall Snell at address above.

 **Find us on Facebook**

For more information visit:
www.oeshome.org

A Time to Celebrate

COVID-19. I wish I could say the Pandemic is over for us at The Ohio Eastern Star Home, but we are not completely there yet. We are not "open" to come and go as we please just yet, but visitation guidelines and directives have eased somewhat, meaning families are now able to visit in the elder's room by appointment only. We are thankful that the majority of our elders have been fully vaccinated and we are able to bring the elders together for events. Our incredible life enrichment team has worked above and beyond to think of new and creative ways to engage our elders and battle the everyday sense of loneliness and isolation so many of them had felt when families were not able to visit.



I continue to be so incredibly proud of ALL of our staff, the "champions of our campus" and their level of dedication and commitment. To this day, we still have NOT had any resident's in the neighborhoods test positive for COVID! What a remarkable accomplishment that not many nursing homes in our nation can boast about! BE PROUD of what has been achieved here – we are!!

So let's CELEBRATE!! Despite not being fully open, we ARE going to have the Homecoming Celebration we have been talking about AND our 70th Birthday Party on August 13th. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us outside for an afternoon of celebration, fun, food and a special fireworks show at dusk! It will be a grand time and we hope to see many of you in person and not on a virtual screen!

As always, thank you for your support, generosity and thoughtfulness.

Michele Engelbach, CEO – The Ohio Eastern Star Home

It's an Honor to Serve



I am pleased to greet you as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at your Ohio Eastern Star Home! We've been busy! First, I would like to thank the other eight Trustees for electing me to this position. What an honor it is to serve with such an amazing group of dedicated people!

Thank you to our members, for the donations of masks, masks, and more masks to help our amazing staff keep the residents safe during the pandemic! Donations of cookies, pizza, games, puzzles, and word games helped

our Life enrichment team keep our residents busy and enjoying their days! And many thanks to our CEO, Administrator, and Directors for all of their hard work!

There is always something happening at the OES Home! Follow them on Facebook or visit **www.oeshome.org** for the latest news! Keep watching, there's more good things to come!

Ron Hardesty,
Chairman OESH Board of Trustees

Welcome Friends

The members of Ohio Eastern Star have experienced this past year like none remembered in our Order. There have been lockdowns, the wearing of masks for safety's sake, closed Chapters, Chapter rooms with only ten present for meetings, virtual meetings, and many Chapters which have been unable to meet at all.



Our counties have been identified as Yellow, Orange, Red, and Purple. Hopefully, someone reading this information far into the future will stop to wonder why OES Chapters would care about the "color" of counties, and why entire counties of Chapters would be closed. We want this year of Covid-19 illnesses, lockdowns, and loss of life to be long gone by the time our future members might come across Chapter minutes describing this past year.

Our Eastern Star Members in Ohio have braved this year of Covid-19

with heroic strength. They could have just hidden themselves away and waited for brighter days. Instead, they called Chapter members to see if anyone needed assistance; they planned virtual "parties" online so members could look forward to seeing and talking with one another in small and larger groups. These virtual meetings kept members connected and informed, should anyone need assistance. It also allowed our members to connect with Eastern Star members outside of Ohio and introduce them to friends and acquaintances some of our members may not have otherwise met.

Hopefully, the Pandemic is over. In June Ohio Eastern Star members enjoyed the annual Joint Reception held at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus. We had a nice group of over 200 people attend, and a wonderful musician who had the audience on their feet by the end of the show. My prayers, as well as those of the Worthy Grand Patron, and our Families, are with each of you for good Health and Happiness as we move *Forward in Faith*.

Carol Gramm Wise, WGM
William Murphy, WGP

Through the Years

A parade of memorabilia from the past 70 years at The Ohio Eastern Star Home will be on display soon. This visual exhibit will be displayed in the hallway near Moreland Hughes. When we are once again open to all, be sure to visit and see how our campus has changed and grown through the years!



Come Celebrate Our Birth





with us!
day & Homecoming

Festivities begin at 4:30 PM

Cookout

Games

Entertainment

Parade

Fireworks

70 Years
and counting

Fun

Spring

Coming out of COVID



Midweek fun with chicks, ducks and other furry animals brought smiles to our Elders on a sunny spring day!

Partially hidden among the savannah grasses on the Campus of The Ohio Eastern Star Home, Elders and Care Partners recently enjoyed the beauty and unique wonders of a safari.



A heartfelt *thank you* to our friends at Kenyon College, for providing our first live entertainment since March of last year!



SPOTLIGHT

on Our Donors

Gifts noted below were given to various funds including Operations, Memorials, Endowment, Campus Dog Park, and WGM/WGP Project September 2020 – April 2021.

Living Legacy

Rick Hoskinson

Grand Benefactor (\$25,000+)

Clarice Krehbill Trust

Cornerstone Club (\$10,000 – \$24,999)

Bill Hertler

Friends of Distinction (\$5,000 – \$9,999)

Ralph J. Gooding Local Charity Fund
Salem Chapter #334

Leadership Circle (\$1,000 – \$4,999)

David & Gwendolyn Bennett
Virginia Seomin
Grace Cone Trust
Grand Chapter of OES
Icedore Chapter #299
1986 OES Grand Family
Jane A. Smith
Landers Foundation Grant
Lowell Graham
Michael Bowers
Park National Bank
William & Ruth Gilmore

Radiance Club (\$500 – \$999)

Eastern Star Chapter #502
George Lewis Behrens Chapter #504
Jay Dorsey & Beth Waller
Joan Hamilton
Lorraine Chapter #1
Muskingum Chapter #485
Worthington Chapter #287
Wroena Chapter #597

Guild of Hope (\$100 – \$499)

Althea Chapter #438
Ann Rutledge Chapter #453
Athens Chapter #175
Barbara & Jeffrey Neepser
Barbara Grazden
Bellevue Chapter #459
Belpre Chapter #541
Betty Snider
Billow Chapter #483
Bolivar Chapter #368
Bruce Hansford
Bryan Chapter #248
Carnation Chapter #167
Carolyn & Walter Ross

Carrie Varian
Celestine Chapter #185
Celina Chapter #91
Cornelia Chapter #93
Crescent Chapter #7
David & Donna Miller
Dennis & Celia Lawson
Diane Jones
District 16 Association
District 18 Association
Douglas & Patricia Brenneman
East Palestine Chapter #381
Elizabeth Wilson
Englewood Chapter #563
Evelyn & Ron Hardesty
Farmersville Chapter #155
Findlay Chapter #23
Fostoria Chapter #94
Freeport Chapter #319
Ft. Black Chapter #336
Glenwood Chapter #303
Greenwood Chapter #159
Harvest Chapter #564
Hoffner Chapter #286
Ivan & Deanna Tribe
Jack Allen
Jean Baliga
Jean Chapman
Joan Wedge
John & Bonnie Youngblood
John & Mary Kay Purmort
Kenneth & Rebecca Thatcher
Kenneth Thomas Jr.
Knox Chapter #236
Legacy Chapter #596
Lotus Chapter #477
Lovelinks Of Ohio
Madeleine Chapter #204
Maeanna Lindamood
Marguerite Joyce
Marietta Chapter #59
Marilyn & Roland Elikofer
Marvin Chapter #376
Mary Chapter #9
Mary Pierce
Masterton Chapter #584
Matamoras Chapter #261
Medina Chapter #266
Millersport Chapter #301
Miriam Chapter #278
Mt. Healthy Chapter #365
Nancy Bell
New Hope Chapter #590
Norma Smoot
Norman Huffman
Owensville Chapter #370
Oxford Chapter #225
Palmy Chapter #114
Parthenia Chapter #124

Patricia Carpenter
Pleiades Chapter #298
Prosser Chapter #367
Racine Chapter #134
Ravenna Chapter #46
Rawson Chapter #550
Reber Chapter #161
Robert & Donna Stowe
Ronald & Martha Shafer
Russellville Chapter #461
Sandi Hawk
Shreve Chapter #496
Sterling Chapter #74
District 3 Association OES
Thornville Chapter #156
Tiffin Chapter #189
Tippecanoe Chapter #307
Triangle Chapter #592
Troy Chapter #256
Victoria L. Smith
W. Dale & Kay Wortman
Wahneta Chapter #235
Washington Chapter #195
West Union Chapter #246
Weyer Chapter #515
Woodsfield Chapter #268

Good Stewards (Under \$100)

Albany Chapter #558
Albert & Jean Watters
Alliance Data Systems
Amelia Chapter #338
Ann Benson
Ashland Chapter #92
Aurelius Chapter #60
Barbara Stuart
Barnesville Chapter #206
Benjamin Pertuset
Beverly K. Troha
Bob Vanderhorst
Brecksville Chapter #537
Brenda Feasel
Brownsville Chapter #486
Cantina Chapter #489
Caroline Chapter #39
Carroll Chapter #315
Cary Chapter #221
Charlotte Ballard
Chillicothe Chapter #419
Christopher Belvins
Circleville Chapter #90
Clara Gumble
Clermont Chapter #135
Connie Kent
Convert Chapter #547
Covered Bridge Chapter #591
Crystal Chapter #18
Dan Haughey
David Merkle
Dawn Day
Day Chapter #479
Delphos Chapter #26
Deshler Chapter #68
Diane L. Henwood
Dorothy Johnson
Ellbrook Chapter #408
Evelyn Chapter #146
Falls Chapter #245
Fort Hamilton Chapter #568
Fulton Chapter #67
Gallipolis Chapter #283
Garfield Chapter #324
Golden Rule Chapter #442
Goshen Chapter #382

Groveport Chapter #440
Guernsey Chapter #211
Harrisonville Chapter #255
Heber Chapter #62
Heber Lodge Chapter #62
Hillsboro Chapter #441
Howard Laudermilk
Ida Chapter #416
Jacob Eby Chapter #571
Jefferson Chapter #300
Joyce Yant
Judith Selby
Kay Seigla
Kingston Chapter #411
Larry Mayer
Lebanon Chapter #343
Level Chapter #109
Linda Cline
London Chapter #386
Lucasville Chapter #495
Lyndon Chapter #361
Marci Thomas
Margaret McCord
Mark Grazden
Mary McMillin
Mary Reed
Mason Chapter #494
Miami Chapter #107
Morning Light Chapter #80
Morris Chapter #265
Mt. Moriah Chapter #506
Mt. Orab Chapter #514
Nathaniel Massie Chapter #548
Nelda Lasure
New Vienna Chapter #327
Olive Branch Chapter #251
Opal Chapter #181
Oriental Chapter #106
Orion Chapter #12
Palestine Chapter #51
Past Grands Association
Rick & Tammy Herb
Rita Dropsey
Ruth Chapter #17
Sandra Lawson
Serenio Chapter #128
Shirley Miller
South Point Chapter #404
Stokes Chapter #543
Stone City Chapter #325
Sunrise Chapter #458
Susan Flora
Susan Hart
Susan McCabe
Teresa Chapter #257
Tina Kern
Toronto Chapter #215
Triune Chapter #344
Unionport Chapter #360
Urania Chapter #284
Venus Chapter #76
Vera Chapter #64
Vicki Parks
Vinson Chapter #375
Walpole Chapter #366
Waterloo Chapter #447
Waverly Chapter #99
Weldon & Mary Miller
West Park Chapter #427
Western Reserve Chapter #71
Wilkesville Chapter #207
Windermere Chapter #388
Woodbine Chapter #61
Yondota Chapter #317



The Ohio Eastern Star Home
1451 Gambier Road
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
www.oeshome.org



**Thank you
to the *champions*
of our campus...**

**for the role they played
in keeping our elder's
COVID-FREE!**

