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The OES Home... **THE Place to LIVE!**

As I enter my 8th year as CEO of OES Home (WHERE does the time go?), I continue to be proud and amazed at what everyone has accomplished! We have a stunning campus with life happening every day in the neighborhoods, many success stories happening in Moreland Hughes Rehab Center, and life worth living in Hamilton and the Apartments. And all of this situated on 60 acres of nature at its best! Join me in celebrating our amazing Home by telling everyone in your communities and neighborhoods — **The Ohio Eastern Star Home is THE place to LIVE!**

Michele Engelbach, CEO
The Ohio Eastern Star Home

Start Spreading the News!

Have I seen you strutting around lately about ready to burst your buttons? If not, you should be! As a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, we should all be bursting our buttons, running around spreading the news — The Ohio Eastern Star Health Care Center is the **ONLY** Rehab and Nursing Home in Knox County to receive a 5 Star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). When comparing The Ohio Eastern Star Health Care Center to other nursing facilities in the county, we rank **above** average or much **above** average in staff rating, quality measures rating, fire inspection rating and quality of resident care. WAHOO! We have had no penalties or denied payments from Medicare.



Next time you visit The Ohio Eastern Star Health Care Center be sure to congratulate all the staff on their continuing hard work. We have a strong leadership team to oversee the process but it takes each and every employee to do their very best to make this a successful effort.

Joell Buchanan, Chairman
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It's Nature's Way



Can you see it? Can you smell it? Can you feel it? Can you hear it? Nature has a way of keeping us grounded by her daily whim — changing of the seasons, lavish colors, blooming flowers, singing birds, blowing wind, and blessings of friends. Can you believe it? We are more than halfway through the 2019 ***"Nature's Life and Beauty"*** year.

As the Worthy Grand Patron and I travel throughout our beautiful state visiting chapters for official visitations and inspections, we witness nature's impulse. Along the way we had the pleasure of granting 26 new Grand Representative appointments: **Victoria Echelbarger D-5, Kay A. Hanna-Gaffney D-27, Brenda Gotter D-4, Dorothy Murphy D-2, Joyce Lather D-5, Sharon Basil D-26, Pam Blankenhorn D-10, Linda Schuenaman D-23, Barb Akers D-5, Marcella Phillips D-12, Nancy Sabo D-1, Celia Lawson D-4, Jenny Jamieson D-9,**

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Our chapters celebrate small and big milestones with amazing zeal! Celebrations share love of our Order as well as old and new friendships. Anniversary kudos go to these chapters: **75th-Olivet; 100th-Kingston, Labelle, Ida, Chillicothe; 125th-Crystal, Valley, Findlay, Beallsville, Delphos, and Royal.**

But wait, there's more! Our weekend at the OES Home is exhilarating. It is such a rewarding afternoon with the residents who share their lives with us. Our Charities Extravaganza "A Trip on Noah's Ark" provided us a wild and crazy escapade in the evening. Our State Charities Directors, Richard and Barb Metzler encouraged us to wear animal costumes and our members were most creative.

As the 2019 Inspection season wraps up, it's a blessing we've had safe travels, visited with our Sisters and Brothers, and have enjoyed every mile we've journeyed throughout this beautiful state of Ohio! We wish all of our members a safe and healthy summer. Take time to ***Never pass up an opportunity to enjoy Nature's beauty — it's the handwriting of God.***

Kelly Cholodewitsch, Worthy Grand Matron
Dennis Lawson, Worthy Grand Patron

Building a Career of Care and Compassion

By **Dani Dawson**, Director of Nursing



My career started as a State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) at a nursing home in 2006. After two years I realized working with elders and their families had become a passion and I wanted to be more involved. I enrolled in the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program at Knox County Career Center. While in school I continued to work as an STNA in Home Health Care. I enjoyed the one-on-one time and care I was able to provide for my clients in their homes. The experience was invaluable and helped teach me to be a care giver and take care of a person as a whole — mind, body and spirit.

Upon graduation I accepted a position at The OES Home. I realized the elders and staff meant a great deal to me and I wanted to help create an environment where staff enjoyed working and the elders enjoyed living. In 2010 I was promoted to Director of Staff Development and went on to obtain my license as a Registered Nurse (RN). Recently promoted to Director of Nursing, it's been exciting to continue to be part of the growth at The OES Home; I consider them my second family.

When I'm not working, you will likely find me at a ball diamond or attending a football game. I have the privilege of being the mother of four amazing children and the wife of a very supportive husband.

Campus & Community Connections

Engaging the OESH Elders and the Greater Mount Vernon Community



On the road again! We are extremely fortunate to live in a small city where art, theater and entertainment are in abundance.

OESH residents embraced the jazz tradition, from early swing to contemporary pieces at the Schnormeier Event Center.



We were treated to a memorable night in the newly renovated Woodward Opera House, the oldest Opera House in the United States, right here in Mount Vernon, Ohio! The Rat Pack Tribute honored the antics and outstanding talents of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.



OESH hosts the Leading Age District 1 Art Show

This was our second year to host the Leading Age District 1 Art Show. There were over 160 entries. Those receiving top honors in each category will advance to the State Art Show in August. Representatives from our local community and OESH Board served as our judges. We appreciate all the Campus and Community members who engaged in this exciting event.

OESH residents Ann Auskings and Ruth Truex teamed up to create "Fairy Garden" — placing 1st in the Special Cooperative category.



At left are the top three winners in the Needlework category. OESH resident Phyllis Guller, received a 2nd place ribbon.



"Blue Bird" by OESH resident Oneita Mathias placed 2nd in the Special Fine Arts category.

Star Happenings!

Summer Fun and Entertainment on Campus



Trying something different got lots of laughs during the ventriloquist show!



Joan B. laughs as she enjoys the company, food and entertainment!

Working on our summer figures!



Exercise is good for the mind, body and soul. Many residents continue to stay active all year long.

Life on Memory Lane

We had a packed house for our first-ever play production of **Life on Memory Lane**. This was presented by our Drama Club consisting of Elders of The Ohio Eastern Star Home accompanied by our Life Enrichment team.

Behind the scenes many young hands were busy working with the props and sound effects making sure the show went as planned. This may have been our first play performed by our Drama Club but it won't be our last, look out Broadway!



A Joy to Behold!



Each year we're blessed to have the OES Choir perform for us. They joined us for our Sunday worship service and sang beautiful music for all to hear!



Our new

DONATIONS PAGE

is live!

Donate to OES Home online
or from your mobile device:
oeshome.org/donate



The screenshot shows the OES Home website's Donations page. The navigation bar includes HOME, SERVICES, ABOUT, NEWS & EVENTS, CAREERS, and CONTACT US. The ABOUT menu is open, showing options for ABOUT US, DONATIONS, and OUR TEAM. The DONATIONS page features four categories: WISHLIST, DOG PARK, LIFE ENRICHMENT, and OPERATING FUND. Each category has a brief description and a 'MAKE A DONATION' button. A mobile app interface is also shown, displaying the same categories and a 'WISHLIST' section with a list of items to donate.

WISHLIST
Our "Wish List" includes items that will create a more meaningful life for our elders here at The Ohio Eastern Star Home.

DOG PARK
We would like to build a dog park for our residents and their furry friends to enjoy!

LIFE ENRICHMENT
Keeping busy with fun activities and outings is just a way of life here at the OES Home. Quilling, art show entries, drama club, movie night and talking events are just a few of the many things that we enjoy offering our elders.

OPERATING FUND
Donations made to the Operating Fund help to offset operating costs necessary to keep making a difference in the lives of our residents.

MAKE A DONATION

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Our "Wish List" includes items that will create a more meaningful life for our elders here at The Ohio Eastern Star Home.

☐ Wheelchairs - 9 (\$400)
☐ Set of 1 lb. Hand Weights
☐ OESH Logo Jacket

Donations

\$20

\$50

\$75


\$ Other amount

Add to cart

We're grateful to our Donors who give of their Time, Talent and Treasure

Recently updated, we appreciate those who have tried out our Donate Page on the www.oeshome.org website. Whether donating to the General Fund, Memorials, In Honor of, Wish List or Campus Dog Park...It's Simple, It's Fast, It's Effective.

We are thankful for each and every donation we receive either online, through the mail, or in person. If you have a question about your contribution to The Ohio Eastern Star Home, please contact Diane L. Henwood, Director of Development, 740-397-1706 ext. 3035 or dhenwood@oeshome.org



The poster features a photo of Kim Weitkamp, a woman with blonde hair and glasses. The text reads: **KIM WEITKAMP**, HUMORIST | SINGER SONGWRITER | STORYTELLER. A quote from Steve Perry of the Highway 99 Band says: "If we are talking Rock n Roll, Tina Turner was a national treasure; country has Dolly Parton and in the world of storytelling we have Kim Weitkamp." The event is at the **WOODWARD OPERA HOUSE MOUNT VERNON, OHIO** on **SATURDAY | 8.3.19 | 7PM**. General seating is \$20. Tickets can be purchased at www.thewoodward.org or by calling 740.263.6737. A benefit concert, 100% of all ticket sales will be donated to the Ohio Eastern Star Home Campus Dog Park Project. Doors open at 6:00. Make your reservations early. Sponsored by **CUSTOM CUTTERS**.

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your generous
support!**

A Home Away From Home

By Carol Sue Owens

A "home away from home" can be described as a temporary place where one feels comfortable, secure, and content. For my husband John, the Moreland-Hughes Rehabilitation Center was his "home away from home" for 121 days while he recovered from a debilitating stroke.

The facility was always spotless and the grounds well kept, thanks to the hard work of the housekeeping staff and maintenance crew.

My husband made remarkable progress during his daily physical and occupational therapy sessions.

He now moves confidently and unassisted with a walker. We are told it won't be long until he can trade the walker for a cane.

There are no adequate words to describe the dedication, care and compassion of the nursing staff, health aides and culinary staff. They work tirelessly every day to ensure the guest's well-being and comfort. They encourage guests who are down and always enter a room with a smile on their face.

**Thank God for these
very special people!**





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Nature's Life and Beauty Session
The Grand Chapter of Ohio

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We can't wait to see everyone!

Stop by our booth and see what surprises
we have for you this year!

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