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I Wish...

I wish you could hear how many times
throughout the day we hear sentences from
our residents and our staff that start with
"I wish..." Well, you may not be able to hear

the sentences, but you CAN see what the wishes are! We have
created a new section on our website called "The Wish List."

There you will find opportunities to help in a tangible way as
there are many items listed at various cost levels and all items
contribute to the life and well-being of our residents. Please
take a look and see how you can make wishes come true!

As always, my wish is to create Home every day — please
join me!

Michele Engelbach, CEO
The Ohio Eastern Star Home

Share Your Talents

I am Joell Buchanan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
of YOUR Ohio Eastern Star Home.

Have you considered volunteering at YOUR OES Home?
Volunteering puts our talents to use; we may learn
something new; it helps you feel good and you are
making a difference in someone's life. Volunteers are
always needed. I hear you saying you don't live in Knox County; no problem,
there are many different opportunities to serve. Some Chapters come and
serve dinners, assist elders to programs in the community room and many just
come to visit. You do not have to commit to a weekly or even a monthly visit.
It can be a one-time visit or if you live closer it can be more frequent. Before
planning a visit please contact Marci Thomas, our Life Enrichment Director at
740-397-1706 ext. 3025 to make sure nothing will interfere with your visit.
If there is a planned activity that day the elders may not want to visit with
someone as they want to conserve their energy for the special activity. You can
provide a special treat for a special occasion gathering. Marci has many ideas
and can always use some help.

Have you visited the OES Home website lately at **www.oeshome.org**?
There's a nice newspaper article about the Home under the news tab. The article
is about the Eden Alternative Philosophy which is the philosophy of caring for
elders and keeping the atmosphere as close to a home atmosphere as possible.
This includes gardens and pets. Some of you have asked how you can help.
Please visit the website for suggestions. It's constantly being updated.

The staff works tirelessly for the benefit of our elders. Let's help them in
any way we can.

Joell Buchanan, Chairman
OESH Board of Trustees



Never Pass Up an Opportunity to Enjoy Nature's Beauty



The Worthy Grand Patron and I have witnessed so much love for our beautiful Order in the past four months during our exciting year of "Nature's Life and Beauty." In October the 2018 Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Matrons illustrated our program for the Educational Opportunities to the Past Grands. We were so proud of our Grand Officers.

We witnessed the General Grand Chapter session held in Orlando, Florida, where we observed PGP Brother F. Lon Lowry become the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron. November saw us travel to the four Regional Educational Opportunities held in Chillicothe, Springfield, Columbus and Ashland. Our 2019 Grand Officers and local committees planned perfectly for our membership to come together and learn. During Installation season we viewed our local district chapters and several chapters around Ohio continue to beautifully exemplify Installation Ceremonies.

A Joint Reception held at Ashland University brought us joy and gratitude from the membership who traveled near and far to attend. Ohio's weather continued to keep our journeys safe as we began to visit and honor our fraternal parent, PGM Susan Simpson, and celebrate the 125th anniversaries of Crystal, Valley, and Findlay Chapters.



We think it is wonderful to have chapter anniversaries of 125 years of existence. We continue to expand our grand family by appointing new grand representatives — Alabama, Vermont, Puerto Rico, and Delaware as of this writing. The winter months of traveling are slow, but there is still much planning and training for Inspections for the Line Grand Officers and Deputy Grand Matrons.

There are upcoming special events: First, our secretaries and treasurers will be celebrated and updated by PGMs Evelyn Hardesty, Michelle Howell and Gayle Sutherin. Second, PGM Carol Jones will inform membership of methods to increase membership and PGP Trevor Sproul will introduce us to service dogs and their skills for special needs.

Also, keep an eye out for our new website that is being created! We think you are going to love it!

We encourage every member and chapter to hold fast to our traditions of giving and the charitable work we all do. And 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

Thank You Ariel Foundation!

The Ohio Eastern Star Home would like to acknowledge and thank the City of Mount Vernon's Shade Tree Commission for donating and planting 140 beautiful Evergreen trees along our property line. This was all made possible through a generous grant from The Ariel Foundation. Thank You!

Fall 2018 Spotlight correction:

The article 2018 Grand Officers visit OES Monument at Cemetery was incorrectly signed OESH Board of Trustees. This article was submitted by Brooke Anderson, 2018 Grand Marshal. All expenses and work were on behalf of the 2018 Grand Officers. The OESH apologizes for the error.

Star Happenings!



Lots of Entries in Our 1st Chili Cook-Off!

Our Medical Director, Dr. Wilson, was the judge and he enjoyed tasting every recipe, including variations with sausage, white northern beans and venison. Some recipes suggested adding ingredients like peanut butter before tasting. Employee Mike Harmer won first place with his recipe he's been making for years. All recipes can be found on our website in the February Starlite. After the judging was completed everyone enjoyed sampling the chili that was entered in the Cook-Off.

An Early Spring!

Many came to vote for Shadow or No Shadow on Ground Hog Day. **NO SHADOW WON!** We agree with our Punxsutawney Phil (aka Toostie) that we will have an early Spring! The celebration included awesome accordion music by Ken and Mary.

Bring on the Spring!



Viva Las Vegas?

Nope, Elvis performed center stage right here in our Community room! During our birthday party celebration some were "All Shook Up" but took delight in the performance by the impersonator. Naomi was all smiles as she danced with Elvis while others enjoyed singing along.



GAME ON during Grand Visitation!

We were honored to welcome our WGM, WGP and Grand Officers with a day that included worship, dining, visits with our elders, activities and entrainment. They played the game Star-lebrity Family Feud...Team KC and the Sunshine Band vs Team Dennis the Menace. Ready? Hands on the buzzer...some tough questions but in the end, Team Dennis the Menace won! Our WGP got some "air" he was so excited! Thanks to all who made this a special day.

Christmas dinner was well attended and the food was fabulous!

After a brief hand bell lesson given by retired Mount Vernon music teacher, Mary Kepple and her talented musical friends, some of the OES Home staff were able to ring bells in the tune of a few Christmas songs. The Christmas season is a joyous time of year at

OES Home and we are so blessed to be able to gather together with family and friends during this special time.



Our hearts were full of love on Valentine's Day!

Our elders enjoyed a surf-n-turf dinner while listening to a solo violinist perform in the Community Room. Red and pink heart decorations filled the room and added ambiance for our Sweetheart dinner. We know how to celebrate!



The Eden Alternative Philosophy of Care

Have you ever been asked why The Ohio Eastern Star Home is so different from other places?

Here's why. As Ohio Eastern Star members, you have been, and continue to be, an integral part in making that possible. We parallel the Eden Alternative philosophy of care. This philosophy was defined when Dr. Bill Thomas, a physician visiting an elderly lady, was profoundly touched when she took his hand and said, "Doctor, I'm so lonely." He knew there was not a pill to ease her heartache. He also knew he could make a difference. Out of compassion, he and his wife, Judith Meyers-Thomas founded the Eden Alternative.

We agree with Dr. Thomas that the three plagues of loneliness, helplessness, and boredom account for the bulk of suffering among the elderly population. At the OES Home, we believe loving companionship is the remedy to loneliness. We create opportunities to give, as well as receive care, which offsets helplessness. We spark daily life with variety and spontaneity thus preventing boredom.

We believe all decisions should be made by the Elder or those closest to them. For example, if an Elder prefers breakfast at 8:30 or 9 a.m. instead of 7:00 a.m., so be it. If an Elder wants to have their children and grandchildren spontaneously

join them for a gathering in a Neighborhood lounge, the Community Room or a Garden, we'll help make it happen. We strive to create a living environment where life revolves around relationships with people of all ages and abilities, as well as plants and animals.

THANK YOU for your part in helping the staff here at the OES Home model a level of caring whereby decisions are in the hands of those who call this home.

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Giving and receiving care offsets helplessness.

Variety and spontaneity prevent boredom.

Dogs are Welcome!

We are very excited to share we're creating a Dog Park on the OESH Campus. Dogs have been considered "man's best friend" for a reason. They are great company to people of all ages, and they are playful and loving.

The dog park will be a landscaped, grassy area with gardens and wheelchair accessibility. It will include sheltered patio seating and picnic tables. Of course there will be fun agility equipment for the dogs including a crawl tunnel and variable height jump bars for exercising. This will be a great place for the OESH Elders to enjoy family dog visits.

We are pleased the greater Mount Vernon community members are donating to the OESH Campus Dog Park and invite you to join in this endeavor, as well.

For updates and donation opportunities visit our website: www.oeshome.org



Left:
Evelyn H. sits
with Sandy,
Lu and Daisy.

Below:
Marie F. gives
some attention
to George.



Spotlight on Our Donors

The gifts listed below were given to various funds including memorials, endowments, and the WGM/WGP Project from October 1 – December 31, 2018.

Leadership Circle

(\$1,000 – \$4,999)

Estate of Thomas & Isabel Gaskins
Grace Cone Trust
Gwendolyn Bennett
Linda Pierson
Richard Hoskinson

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(\$500 – \$999)

KC Sunshine Gang
Muskingum Chapter #485
New Hope Chapter #590
Ravenna Chapter #46

Guild of Hope

(\$100 – \$499)

Amelia Chapter #338
Anita Beatty
Ann Rutledge Chapter #453
Athens Chapter #175
Beacon Chapter #593

Dogs offer many health benefits for Elders:

- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce chances of loneliness and depression
- Promote living in the present moment
- Increase mobility and independence
- Ease anxiety and pain

Belmont Chapter #555
Carnation Chapter #167
Carolyn Ross
Circleville Chapter #90
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Hoffner Chapter #286
Knox Chapter #236
Level Chapter #109
Lorraine Chapter #1
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Pleiades Chapter #298
Prosser Chapter #367
Queen Esther Chapter #15
Racine Chapter #134
Reber Chapter #161
Robin Jackson
Russellville Chapter #461
Salem Chapter #334
South Point Chapter #404
The River Chapter #517
Thea Chapter #192
Thomas & Betty Magee
Tiffin Chapter #189
Tippecanoe Chapter #307
Toledo Chapter #341
Wahneta Chapter #235
Woodbine Chapter #61
Worthington Chapter #287
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(Under \$100)

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Linden Chapter #348
Heber Chapter #62
Triune Chapter #344
Celina Chapter #91
Parthenia Chapter #124
Goshen Chapter #382
Brownsville Chapter #486

Teresa Chapter #257
Vinton Chapter #375
Guernsey Chapter #211
Marvin Chapter #376
Billow Chapter #483
Legacy Chapter #596
Palmy Chapter #114
Covert Chapter #547
Harrisonville Chapter #255
Sterling Chapter #74
Stone City Chapter #325
Caroline Chapter #39
Falls Chapter #245
Garfield Chapter #324
Harvest Chapter #564
Masterton Chapter #584
Thornville Chapter #156
Western Reserve Chapter #71
Clermont Chapter #135
West Park Chapter #427
Ashland Chapter #92
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Valley Chapter #19
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Nathaniel Massie Chapter #548

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Bryan Chapter #248
Findlay Chapter #23
Iva Chapter #311
Captina Chapter #489
Urbana Chapter #530
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Wilkesville Chapter #207
Icedore Chapter #299
Laura Chapter #264
Toronto Chapter #215
Troy Chapter #256
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Clarington Chapter #533
Crescent Chapter #7
Orion Chapter #12
Seven Hills Chapter #589
Urania Chapter #284
Mt. Healthy Chapter #365
Spencerville Chapter #130
Wheelersburg Chapter #516
Aurelius Chapter #60
New Vienna Chapter #327
Brooke Barnhart
Lillian Chapter #41
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Coshocton Chapter #157
Waterloo Chapter #957
John and Bonnie Youngblood
Greenwood Chapter #159
Grove Chapter #527
George Lewis Behrens Chapter #504
Shreve Chapter #496
Fulton Chapter #67
Serenio Chapter #128
Home City Chapter #258
LaBelle Chapter #414
Morris Chapter #265
Madeleine Chapter #204
Wroena Chapter #597
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*To create an
atmosphere of
companionship,
empowerment
and growth.*

NEW DAY

**ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE MOVES TO
SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

**In the Newly Remodeled Community Room
Mix and mingle 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Join us in the Community Room for fellowship and light refreshments. Get to know your Board of Trustees and the OES Home staff. Take a tour of the campus, see what's new. Bring your spouse, neighbor or load up a bus and bring all your chapter members! No reservation needed just come and enjoy yourself. Spend the afternoon at OES Home and then head to the Gallagher Center for some evening fun during the Charities Extravaganza Event! Spread the word and we hope to see you at these two events.

