



## A Season of Gratitude



*Our Outpatient  
Therapy Gym...*



*the walking group...*



*social outings, and...*



*the positive  
energy from  
our residents!*

**We have so much to be  
GRATEFUL for this year!**



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I am Grateful for the **REMARKABLE**  
generosity of **YOU**, the members of Ohio  
Eastern Star. Grateful for the **AMAZING**

Board of Trustees that have and continue to provide exemplary  
leadership. Grateful for the **INCREDIBLE** individuals at OESH  
that serve and care for our elders with such heart and passion.

Grateful for the opportunities to walk through the  
neighborhoods to see smiles, hear life stories and share  
heartfelt moments **EVERY DAY**.

Grateful for the opportunity to hear, see and experience  
**EVERY DAY** the **GRATITUDE** of those that live here at Home.

Humbly,

**Michele Engelbach**, CEO  
The Ohio Eastern Star Home

## Looking Forward to the Next Challenge!

The swan song is a metaphorical phrase for a final gesture,  
effort or performance given just before death or retirement.  
Since I have no plans to die anytime soon, it must be my  
time to retire. There comes a time for each to take the next  
step and see what the future has to allow. Now is my time  
as a Trustee of the Ohio Eastern Star Home.

I look back in wonderment to think how fast the last seven years have passed  
by. What a wonderful trip it has been! We have had ups and downs but we can  
all be proud of the accomplishments that have been made at our home over the  
last seven years.

I would like to thank our Board of Trustees for their tireless efforts looking out  
for the business of the Home. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with  
you. To all of the directors and staff, thank you for all you do in making our Home  
the best in every way. You truly have made it a place where our residents can  
really call Home. To our CEO, Michele, what an inspiration you have been guiding  
our Home over the past six years. Thank you for your energy and genuine love for  
our Home and its residents.

Swan song, "Heck no!" I look forward to the next challenge. Remember,  
as Cliff Houk so often said; "The best is yet to come!"

**Carl Calderhead**, Past Chairman  
OESH Board of Trustees



# Nature's Life and Beauty

We look forward to serving you in this 130th year of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Our theme for 2019 is **Nature's Life and Beauty, based on Psalm 96:11-12** "Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy."

We will continue to support the Scottish Rite Charities Learning Centers for Dyslexia, DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls youth organizations, and the Shrine Hospital Children's Transportation Fund.



Our project for the OES Home is a new security system which will bring the rest of the Home up to date with the new system that was installed in the

new neighborhoods. Our Emerald Project for 2019 is challenging every chapter and every District to work together and plant flowers or trees in local and state parks, villages, or zoos in the name of the Eastern Star.

Our goal is for our charitable purposes to be recognized beyond our Order. Our Charities Directors will be selling trees and we would like to see these planted all over Ohio!

## Upcoming dates and activities for 2019:

- **Charities Extravaganza – June 22** at the Gallagher Centre in Mount Vernon.

- **Ceremony of Initiation – March 15** at 7:30 p.m. at the Northwest Masonic Temple in Columbus. This is a great opportunity to see the Grand Officers perform the ritual work.

- **Secretary and Treasurer Appreciation Day – March 2**

at the Gallagher Centre in Mount Vernon. Past Grand Matron, Sr. Evelyn Hardesty, has graciously agreed again, to present a day for all secretaries and treasurers throughout the state.

- **Mega Michigan Tour** featuring Frankenmuth, Mackinac Island, Soo Locks and Castle Farms with lunch at the Grand Hotel. More information to come!

- **Membership Conference on March 29–31** at the Learning Center in Canton. 2019-2021 General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Membership, PGM Carol Jones, and General Grand Chapter Committee Member for Service Dogs, PGP Trevor Sproul, will be combining their programs offering some brilliant new ideas for membership.

We are so excited to put our plans into action and serving the membership in this wonderful, charitable organization, Order of the Eastern Star.

**Never pass up an opportunity to enjoy nature's beauty – it IS the handwriting of God.**

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



## With Gratitude

As our 2018 year has come to an end, we've been blessed to be a part of an organization based on **charity, truth and loving kindness**. As we reflect on our year, the first thing that stands out is the loving nature of our members. We care, we protect, and we truly have a bond that is hard to explain for each other. An example of kindness and Star Love in action is when my Mother passed away in June; we received over 250 sympathy cards. Each one was appreciated and lightened my burden.

We are grateful for the members getting on board to give back to our communities. The many projects throughout the state raised over **\$41,600** that was given to community organizations or those in need.

Plus, over **10,000** volunteer hours were reported by those doing community service through the AREME projects.

The 2018 Final Charities Report through September totaled **\$357,726.36 given to charities plus over 258,549 volunteer hours**. THANK YOU for your support!

We thank each of you for your dedication and for living the principles of our Order.

You have proven that by working together, we can **"Make a Difference and Make it Happen."**

With Star Love,

**Sandi Herman**,

Worthy Grand Matron

**David Sexton**, Worthy Grand Patron





# Star Happenings

**Our Energizer Bunny** did not miss a beat! Her energy was unstoppable this year!

The **ENERGY** was flowing during Grand Chapter of Ohio

**Many OES members** stopped by our booth to get their daily dose of energy. They were fascinated by the energy of a sphere, the energy from caffeine beverages and Mother Nature's energy of a lighting bolt. Energy runs deep at OES Home. Our energizing staff gives and receives energy around the campus while continuing to provide excellent care for our elders and rehab guests.





# On the Road Again...

Residents enjoyed an outing to a local apple orchard. We are so thankful for our OES Home bus!



We are grateful for the visit from the **Rainbow Girls** and some great conversations. Drinking hot chocolate and eating doughnuts is always a welcome morning event but its extra special with these girls!



**Pumpkin carving!**  
Louise digs in bare-handed to carve a blazing skeleton on her pumpkin!



## More Porch Time

Our apartment residents are enjoying their newly remodeled, enclosed porches. Updates include easy open and close windows, new lighting, indoor/outdoor carpet, and wrought iron hand rails.



Before

After



# Picture this!

**– Nov. 22, 1979, 5:10am: Grandma and I are busily preparing Thanksgiving Dinner. I am stuffing the turkey (literally) and she puts her buttered hand on my arm and says, "Oh, by the way, when the time comes I want to go to The Ohio Eastern Star Home."**

At 75, Grandma was still working circles around all of us, with an energy and purposeful drive that was awe-inspiring. Yet wisely, she was making her plans. She had frequented local facilities, visiting church members and friends, and undoubtedly, she knew where she wanted to be. Imagine our family's collective joy when the OESH went public! And so in October 2003, her admission came to be. There was a warmth, friendliness and liveliness that prevailed, and Grandma knew that was the lifestyle she wanted to continue having spoken her wishes years before. Grandma resided at OESH for 8 ½ years prior to her death and our family remains grateful for the staff's care and compassion of her and of us.



Jump ahead to November 2017, my Mother entered Moreland-Hughes as a guest for rehabilitation after hip replacement surgery. Again, the Staff was important to us, sharing in our Tailgate parties and Gingerbread House festivities. Even after her dismissal, she continued her out-patient therapy at OESH.

With several friends having resided at OESH for varying periods of time, we have been acutely aware of the vitality that emanates from the staff among each other and in their loving care and respect of residents. This is an environment of which I have wanted to be a part, and as of September 2018, I am!

Professionally, I've always had two strings in my bow – work with the elderly and in development. Often this has occurred simultaneously, with employment in both fields. My development background has spanned healthcare and education, including chairing the capital campaigns for Hospice of Knox County, Central Ohio Technical College's Ariel Hall, and most recently as Development Director at Starting Point Pregnancy Center. I've also provided in home care and personal assistance for almost three decades.

As Director of Development at The Ohio Eastern Star Home, both healthcare and development aspects are dynamically merged into one — and I am thrilled!

**Diane Henwood**

Director of Development

## 2018 Grand Officers visit OES Monument at Cemetery

One of the most memorable events for the 2018 Grand Officers took place in a location that most members don't even know about. There is an Eastern Star section in the Mound View Cemetery in Mount Vernon. At one time, residents of the Eastern Star Home could purchase a burial plot from the home. Besides the individual markers, the section is marked with a large Broken Column. There are five "arms" at the base, engraved with the Star Point symbols and watchwords. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron asked the 2018 Appointed Grand Officers to make the marker their

AREME project. We purchased cast iron urns and flowers for each of the Star Points. On June 24th, the Grand Officers gathered at the Broken Column for a ceremony to place those new urns and flowers.

*OESH Board of Trustees*



## Meet the NEW OESH Board of Trustees

**(Pictured L to R) Front Row:**

**Barbara Stuart/Secretary, Joan Wedge/  
Treasurer, Joell Buchanan/Chairman.**

**Back Row: David Merkle, Scott Riddle,  
Ron Hardesty, Larry Mayer/Vice Chairman,  
Becky Thatcher.**

**Not Pictured: Howard Laudermilk**



# Spotlight on Our Donors

**Thank you for your generous support!**

The gifts listed below were given to various funds including memorials, endowments, and the WGM/WGP Project from May 1 – September 30, 2018.

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### We've Come a *Long Way!*

Over the past 67 years, The Ohio Eastern Star Home has grown from a small nursing home to a full continuum-of-care campus. We have added new buildings and updated others, now offering 12 Independent Living Apartments, 19 newly remodeled Assisted Living Suites, four Healthcare Neighborhoods, 24 private Rehabilitation Suites along with a full rehabilitation and therapy gym, Star Home Health Services, and the Gallagher Event and Conference Centre. We extend our deepest gratitude to all who have helped with the successful growth of our campus!



**THE OHIO EASTERN STAR HOME VISION:**  
*To create an atmosphere of companionship,  
empowerment and growth.*

