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Greetings Sisters and Brothers



The spring exemplifications are complete, the rainy Memorial Day weekend is past, and now begins a summer of rest and relaxation as you take your much-deserved vacations! The board of trustees of your Ohio Eastern Star Home thank you for all of your support and the many donations made. We look forward to hosting the Charities Extravaganza at the end of June, so be sure to come and join in on the "Highland Games" and visit with all of your Eastern Star friends.

Work on the Shelter House upgrade is progressing, and you should be able to take a look at it during the Extravaganza day. Keep a watch on our website at www.oeshome.org or on Facebook for the latest news and upcoming events as we continue advancing the organization's mission and building upon its tradition of excellence in service and care!

The senior health care industry is a very big challenge in these trying times, and as a board, we are very thankful for our CEO, Michele Engelbach and her entire staff for taking such good care of our residents, our beautiful facility, and always coming up with those wonderful life enrichment ideas to keep daily life interesting at The Home.

Scott Riddle, PGP 2022 – Chairman OESH Board of Trustees

Summer Greetings!

We're a week from the end of Inspection Season, which felt much longer than three months. It's been stressful for Secretaries and Treasurers, but it's gone surprisingly well. Despite a few hiccups, most Chapters did their due diligence, and I'm proud of our Organization's loving and giving spirit, evident in members' community efforts. All EOPs went well, exemplifications finished in May, and now we move to visitations and receptions for our Grand Officers. We still have Chapter anniversaries before Grand Chapter in September. It's been a wonderful experience, with members encouraging and supporting us. Thank you.

Buds are sprouting, blooms are opening, and trees reaching for the sky. Spring is a time of rebirth and new ideas. During our travels, Todd and I appreciated the state's beauty—dogwoods, forsythia, and less snow. Most bad weather came at low travel times, which was fortunate. As summer begins, we look forward to planting, gardening, and harvesting. Our Special OES Home Project involves installing raised garden beds for elders, making them wheelchair and scooter accessible for those with mobility challenges. We hope to complete this next year. Wishing all in our Ohio Eastern Star Home a safe, happy, and healthy summer and fall!

Debbie Somerlot – Worthy Grand Matron
Todd Evans – Worthy Grand Patron



14 Years of Heart, Leadership, and "WOO HOOs"!



It is with mixed emotions that I announce my semi-retirement from the Ohio Eastern Star Home. The time has come for me to step back and spend more time with family and grandchildren. It has been an AMAZING and FULFILLING 14 years, and I have truly enjoyed working with all of you! It has been an honor to work alongside so many wonderful people over the years. Together, we have grown the Ohio Eastern Star Home into more than just a nursing home — it is a true community.

BUT — the word **semi-retirement** is very important! While I am stepping away from my role as CEO, I WILL remain involved on a part-time basis to help ensure a smooth transition for our new

CEO, Blu Johnson, AND I will also be at Grand Chapter to introduce him to all of you! In addition, I will continue to be actively involved in the ongoing development and expansion of Pine Hill. So, don't think you are getting rid of me just yet! There will still be a few more "WOO HOOs" coming your way!

Thank you again for allowing me to lead such an amazing organization. It has been an honor and a remarkable journey filled with love, friendship, and purpose. I will always cherish the memories and relationships built during my time here, and I look forward to seeing the continued success of the Ohio Eastern Star Home.

Michele Engelbach, CEO
The Ohio Eastern Star Home

Ohio Eastern Star Home Named 2026 Business of the Year

We are incredibly honored to announce that The Ohio Eastern Star Home has been named the 2026 Business of the Year at the annual Knox County Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala!



This unforgettable evening, themed The Roaring Twenties, brought together many of our community's outstanding organizations to celebrate leadership, innovation, and service.

The Business of the Year Award recognizes a Chamber member business with more than 50 employees that has operated for over five years, consistently contributes to Chamber and community initiatives, demonstrates integrity and fair business practices, and demonstrates innovation and strong management in solving business challenges.

To be recognized among such remarkable local businesses is truly meaningful to us. For decades, The Ohio Eastern Star Home has been committed to serving seniors and our community with compassion, innovation, and excellence—and this award belongs to our dedicated team members, engaged residents, supportive families, OES members, and community partners who make our mission possible every day.

More Than Activities

OHIO OUTDOORS: BROWN ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



The power of engagement enhances residents' psychological well-being while also improving their physical and social well-being by fostering meaningful connections and relationships.

Research shows that older adults with an active lifestyle are less likely to develop certain diseases. Participating in hobbies and other social activities increases socialization and greatly reduces feelings of isolation, loneliness, and helplessness that could start to creep in.

At The Ohio Eastern Star Home, the Life Enrichment team strives to provide a variety of activities and events that serve the varied interests of our Elders, and being person-centered, our Elders are encouraged to participate at their individual level of ability and interest. And sometimes the purpose of the activity is to just have FUN and laugh!!! Enjoy snapshots of our residents participating in many events and activities.

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Pine Hill Connections: A Community Full of Life!

There's an exciting energy growing at Pine Hill Independent Living as more residents continue to move into the community. With new neighbors arriving and friendships forming, Pine Hill is quickly becoming a vibrant place full of connection, laughter, and new experiences. In fact, the currently completed buildings at Pine Hill are now HALF FULL — a milestone worth celebrating!



Residents are especially enjoying the growing variety of events and programs designed to bring everyone together. Recently, residents gathered for an engaging “Exploring Ohio’s State Parks” seminar, where they learned of beautiful destinations and hidden gems throughout the state.



Another highlight was a Kentucky Derby Watch Party, where residents made fascinators, made great use of our photo booth, enjoyed delicious refreshments, and cheered on the big race together.

As Pine Hill continues to grow, so does the sense of community. Residents are excited to welcome new neighbors, meet new friends, and enjoy the active lifestyle that makes Pine Hill such a special place to call home. With more events, more opportunities, and more connections happening every day, it's safe to say things are getting busy around here — and everyone is loving it!



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in a senior living community, and that spirit of togetherness is reflected in our connecting hallways, thoughtfully designed to bring every part of our community together under one roof. More than just hallways, these welcoming spaces make it easier for residents, families, and staff to stay connected throughout the day. The connecting hallways provide safe, comfortable access between living areas, dining spaces, activities, wellness services, and gathering places.

When Pine Hill was designed, a hallway called 'The Connector' was added from the apartment building to Moreland Hughes Rehabilitation to continue the tradition of keeping everyone connected. This allows Pine Hill residents to easily participate in activities in the OES Community Room, Chapel Services, or to visit friends or loved ones who may live in Assisted Living or Long-Term Care.

By creating spaces that naturally bring people together, we continue our commitment to supporting independence, friendship, and meaningful experiences every day. Because in our community, **connection is more than convenience — it's part of living well.**